



Location Overview

Birmingham

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Birmingham HIVE

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Opening hours: Mon 0830 – 1630hrs, Wed 10.00 – 1800hrs and Fri 0900 – 1600hrs

Tues and Thurs: 0830 – 1630hrs at Lichfield HIVE

Electronic Noticeboard: www.birminghamhive.blogspot.com

LOCAL AREA

Birmingham is home to the Royal Centre of Defence Medicine (RCDM) and the Defence School of Health Care Studies (DSHCS); both are minutes away from Birmingham City Centre and all that is offered in both recreational and shopping opportunities. Public transport in the Birmingham area is extremely good, with regular local buses and trains to take you directly into the City. Birmingham City offers a mixture of arcades, stylish malls, markets and of course the famous Jewellery Quarter. The city is full of latest designer boutiques and all your general high street stores together with specialist shops. The Bull Ring also hosts a variety of high street stores together with your larger department stores such as Selfridges. Further details on shopping facilities are available from the HIVE. There is also a huge variety of places to eat and drink in Birmingham. In addition, the Mailbox and Broad Street host a variety of restaurants. For the area where you live or wish to visit please contact the HIVE, who can provide further information.

Birmingham Tourist Information website is www.visitbirmingham.com

Map of Birmingham is located on www.maps.visitbirmingham.com

UNIT OVERVIEW

RCDM Clinical Support Unit The primary function of the Royal Centre for Defence Medicine (RCDM) is to provide medical support to military operational deployments. It also provides secondary and specialist care for members of the armed forces. It is a dedicated training centre for Defence personnel and a focus for medical research.

The RCDM is a tri-service establishment

The RCDM is based at the new Queen Elizabeth Hospital Birmingham, with defence personnel fully integrated with NHS staff to treat both military and civilian patients. The Trust also holds the contract for providing medical services to military personnel evacuated from overseas via the “Aero med service”

The Defence School of Healthcare Studies (DSHCS) is one of the Training Delivery Units (TDS) within the Training Command of Royal Centre of Defence Medicine (RCDM) and provides pre- and post-registration education for nurses and a variety of Allied Health Care Professionals. The School operates on 3 sites, at Birmingham City University (BCU), at Fort Blockhouse in Gosport and at Keogh Barracks (DMSTC) in Aldershot. Pre-registration nurse education, operating practitioner training and undergraduate radiography programmes are undertaken at BCU. Biomedical Scientist education, Healthcare Assistant training and Clinical Physiology training are primarily undertaken and coordinated from Fort Blockhouse. For more information log onto www.bcu.ac.uk/health/dshcs

UNIT FACILITIES

The HIVE is located in Ash House where Internet access is available.

Services Welfare Tel: 0121 551 4266
Located at Hamstead Campus, offering support to single and unaccompanied personnel.

University of Birmingham Sport
RCDM personnel have free access to the above gym. Contact RAPTCI on 0121 371 5319 for full details.

Laundry Facilities.
Located in Oak House, Hamstead Campus for DSHCS trainees. Washing machines and tumblers dryers available. Coin operated

ACCOMMODATION

Single Living Accommodation (SLA)

Permanent Staff - There is no Single Living Accommodation for permanent staff. Applications for Substitute Service Single Accommodation (SSSA) are made by using the following contacts:

- RCDM Unit Housing Officer – 0121 371 5308
- RCDM Unit Housing Support Officer – 0121 371 5309
- DSHCS – Chief Clerk – 0121 3316056.

Trainees - Single and unaccompanied trainees based at the DSHCS are accommodated within Hamstead Campus in blocks of flats. Trainee accommodation is administered by the Divisional Support Officer (DSO) on arrival.

Local accommodation

Contact House

The nearest Contact house is located in Lichfield. Bookings can be made through contacting Whittington JSU 2IC on 01543 434313 or Mil: (9) 4422 4313.

Nite-nite Birmingham
Centenary Plaza
18 Holliday Street
Birmingham B1 1TB
Tel: 08458 909099
www.nitenite.com

City Inn
1 Brunswick Square
Brindley Place
Birmingham
B1 2HW Tel: 0121 643 1003
www.cityinn.com

Premier Inn
80 Broad Street
Birmingham
B15 1AU
Tel: 0870 990 6404
www.premierinn.com

Express by Holiday Inn
65 Lionel Street
Birmingham
B3 3JE
Tel: 0121 200 1900
www.ichotelsgroup.com

The Ramada Hotel
The Mailbox
160 Wharfside Street
Birmingham
B1 1RL Tel: 0121 643 9344
www.ramadabirminghamcity.co.uk

Birmingham Central Backpackers
58 Coventry Street
Digbeth, B5 5NH
Tel: 0121 643 0033
www.birminghamcentralbackpackers.com

TRAVEL

By car: RCDM Unit Postcode for Sat Nav is B29 6JD

From M5

- Leave M5 at Junction 4 and follow A38 Birmingham for 6.75 miles, after which you will encounter a major set of traffic lights. There is no right turn from Bristol Road (A38) into Oak Tree Lane, therefore, turn left following A4040 Harborne/QE Medical Centre, then turn immediately right after the Sainsbury's store into Chaple Lane. Turn right at traffic lights to get back onto the A38. At the next lights, turn left into Oak Tree Lane. The hospital is situated 200 yards on the left.

By Car: DSHCS Unit Postcode for Sat Nav is B15 3TN

From M6

- M6 leave at J8 onto M5. Leave M5 at J1. At roundabout take 1st exit onto A41. Turn left onto A4040. At lights turn left onto Friary Road. Turn right onto Lofthouse Road. Travel up Lofthouse Road and Hamstead Campus is on right hand side of the road.

By train: RCDM From Birmingham New Street station, take the service to Longbridge or Redditch, Selly Oak Station is the third stop after Five Ways and University.

By train: DSHCS Train to Birmingham New Street, from New Street Birmingham to Aston. At Aston take the Walsall train, which goes through Hamstead. From Hamstead, take Travel West Midlands bus no. 16/16a up to end of Friary Road.

National Rail Enquiries – for times and information call 08457 484950 or visit
www.nationalrail.co.uk

Taxi: Castle Cars - 0121 472 2222. TOA Taxis - 0121 427 8888

HEALTHCARE

Service Personnel:

Station Medical Centre (Bellevue Medical Centre) - Civ: 0845 6048214 or 0121 446 2000.

Dental Centre, Whittington Barracks, Lichfield – Tel: 01543 434216

Dependents:

Medical - According to location, a list of surgeries can be found by using the 'Find your nearest GP' facility at www.nhsdirect.nhs.uk. Alternatively contact your HIVE for a list of doctor surgeries in your area.

Dental - There are limited NHS Dentists. NHS Direct will advise on dentists providing NHS care.

Local Hospitals

Queen Elizabeth Hospital, Mindelsohn Way, Edgbaston, Birmingham B15 2WB. Tel: 0121 627 2000. www.uhb.nhs.uk
Covers RCDM, Harborne. Kings Heath and Moseley

City Hospital, Dudley Road, Birmingham. B18 7QH. Tel: 0121 554 3801. www.swhb.nhs.uk
Covers DSHCS, Hampstead Campus and Bournville

Birmingham Children's Hospital, Steelhouse Lane, Birmingham, B4 6NH. Tel: 0121 333 9999. www.bch.org.uk
Covers Harborne, Kings Heath and Moseley

NHS Direct offers a 24-hour nurse advice and health information service, and provides details of local healthcare services, such as doctors, dentists or late night opening pharmacies. NHS Direct - Tel: 0845 46 47 www.nhsdirect.nhs.uk

SCHOOLS AND CHILDCARE

- Applications for school places are made through the Local Education Authority (LEA). The LEA for Birmingham is Birmingham City Council, Schools Admissions and Appeals Service, Council House Extension, Margaret Street, Birmingham B3 3BU. Tel: 0121 675 0555. Website: www.bch.org.uk
- Ofsted reports can be accessed at www.ofsted.gov.uk

USEFUL CONTACT NUMBERS

These are the main Unit contact details. For any other Unit contact numbers please call the HIVE on 0121 551 8775

	Mil	Civ
RCDM Unit Welfare Officer Service Police RCDM Chaplain Registry HIVE		0121 371 5308 0121 331 6197 0121 371 5310 0121 371 5266/65 0121 551 8775
DSHCS Unit Welfare Officer Registry HIVE WRVS (Services Welfare)		0121 331 7097 0121 331 6097 0121 551 8775 0121 551 4266

This is a brief overview of the area and facilities available in Birmingham. The HIVE holds further information and will research information on your behalf.