

Helping your learner to use the NHS App

When it comes to staying on top of your health, the NHS App could be a vital tool for your learner. It's a simple and secure way to access a range of NHS services via a smartphone or tablet.

It's free to download from app stores but you do need to be registered with an NHS GP practice in England to use it.

The app will help your learner to save time and covers a lot of the essential functions provided by their GP and the NHS. They can use the app to order repeat prescriptions, get health advice and view their health records. They may be able to book GP appointments through the app, although this will depend on the system their surgery uses to book appointments.

What you'll cover

1. How to download the NHS App
2. How to register and login to the NHS App
3. How to view health records and order repeat prescriptions

Remember: This is about helping your learner build confidence. Encourage them to carry out each step themselves and avoid doing it for them. If they do get stuck, feel free to show them, but make sure they watch and understand what you have done.

Installing the app

First up, your learner will need to download the NHS App onto their mobile device. If your learner needs more help with downloading apps, you can direct them to our fact sheets on downloading apps for Android and Apple devices: bt.com/seniorskills

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Registering on the NHS App on a mobile device:

Once your learner has downloaded the app, they will then need to register to use it.

Setting up an account should be simple. They can save time by ensuring they have the relevant information to hand: NHS number, mobile number, date of birth and postcode.

Register

1. Once the app has opened it will ask your learner to 'Continue with NHS Login'.



2. Next it will ask them to provide the email address they would like to use on the app (either to set up a new account or to use if they have previously registered with the NHS). Once they have chosen their preferred email, select 'Continue'.

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3. To create a new account they will need to know their NHS number or name, date of birth and postcode. Tell them to select 'Continue' if they know this information.

4. Next they will need to create a password and select 'Continue'.

It is important to ensure that your learner selects a password that is relatively easy to remember for future usage. Your learner may want to make a note of their password, but if they do so, please encourage them to leave this note in a secure place, where no-one else can access the information.

5. Once the password is confirmed a code will be sent to your learner's email address to confirm who they are.

6. When they have entered the code on the app it will ask them to enter their mobile number. They will then be sent a security number via text to confirm their mobile number.

If they do not have a UK mobile number an alternative option will be provided.

7. After this process their registration should be complete.

They will then be asked if they are happy to share their details from their GP Surgery with the NHS App – choose 'Yes' or 'No' (choosing yes will enable the full functionality of the app) and select 'Continue'.

8. They will then be asked to agree to the NHS terms of use, privacy policy and cookie policy (the cookie policy is optional).

The cookie policy is a document containing a list of all the cookies (files that record things about your visit) used on the NHS website, along with detailed information about each.

Logging in

1. Registration details now set up, they will need to enter their email address and select 'Continue'.



2. Next, they will need to enter the password they have created.

Basic app functions

Now that the login is set up, it's time for them to make the most of the platform.

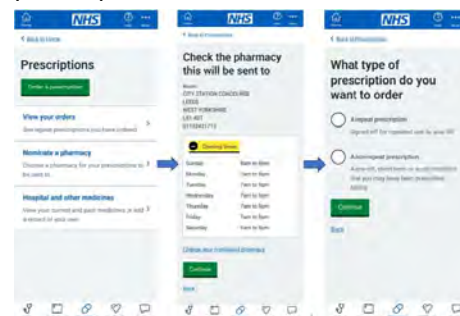
Here are two main features of the app:

Ordering a repeat prescription

The NHS APP is a very useful way to order repeat prescriptions without visiting your GP.

To do this your learner will need to ensure that they are fully registered with a GP surgery and have had the prescription previously signed-off for repeat usage.

When logged into the NHS App, they can select the 'order repeat prescription' button.



They may be asked to nominate a pharmacy to collect a prescription from, allowing them to organise a collection or delivery from a pharmacy close to their home. It's worth noting, not all pharmacies will be listed.

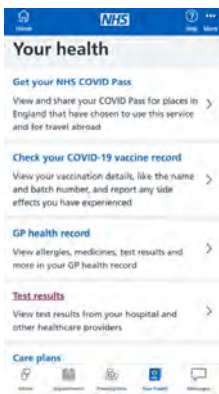
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Accessing their health records

The NHS App also provides users with access to their health records and the ability to instantly access information around allergies and medicines.

1. When logged in to the app, they should click on 'view your GP health record'.



2. They will then be given an overview of their past allergies and medicines.
3. In order to see their full health records, they will need to ask their GP surgery for online access to this.

Hints and tips and further learning:

Your learner can find more details on using NHS online services on the NHS website. they can click on this link or type it in to their web browser: www.nhs.uk/nhs-app/

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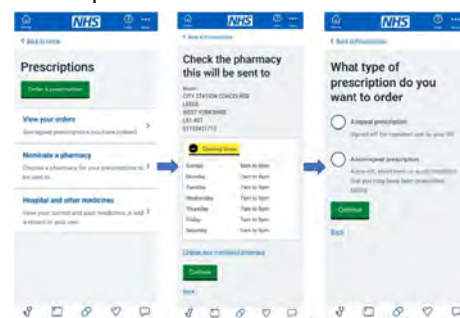
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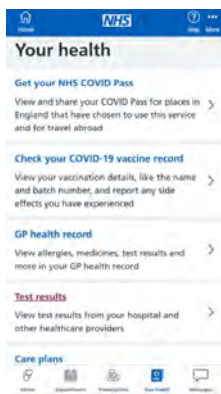
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Step by step guide

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