



# Republic of Ireland Reimbursement Scheme



**Access Cross Border treatment in Sligo**

**A Referring Clinician's Guide**

**Part of the Kingsbridge Healthcare Group.**

An overall guide for GP's and Clinicians should you wish to refer your patients to Kingsbridge Private Hospital Sligo under the Republic of Ireland Reimbursement Scheme.

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# What is the Republic of Ireland Reimbursement Scheme?

The Department of Health has introduced the Republic of Ireland Reimbursement Scheme for a period of 12 months. This new scheme opened on 1 July 2021 and is available to ordinary residents of Northern Ireland.



The scheme provides an option for those patients who may wish to access private treatment in ROI and claim reimbursement of the Health & Social Care equivalent cost and is available to ordinary residents of Northern Ireland. The scheme is based on the EU Cross Border Healthcare Directive.

To apply all applicants are required to complete an application form and return it to the HSC. The patient initially pays up front for the treatment which will then be reimbursed by the Board.

For a patient to begin their journey, all they need is a referral from their GP or clinician.

## Typical procedures include:

- Cataracts
- Endoscopy
- Colonoscopy
- Hernia
- Anal canal EU

## Referring a patient

If you would like to refer a patient to Kingsbridge Private Hospital Sligo for services provided under the ROI Reimbursement Scheme, please contact us at [sligoadmin@kingsbridgehealthcaregroup.com](mailto:sligoadmin@kingsbridgehealthcaregroup.com)

## How does it work?



**1** Patient contacts HSC for an application form and gets a referral from their clinician.



**2** Once the referral has been completed, your patient will be contacted regarding their consultation date.



**3** Your patient will attend their consultation & pre-operative assessment with us in Sligo and we will personally assist them with all the paperwork.



**4** A surgery date is booked on the day of their consultation and payment is settled 5 days prior.



**5** Your patient attends Kingsbridge Private Hospital Sligo for their surgery leaves with a pro forma invoice submission to the HSC.



**6** Reimbursement from the HSC is received approximately 10-12 weeks later.

## Procedure price list examples\*

Procedure	Price from
Endoscopy	€ 935
Colonoscopy, one side	€ 960
Colonoscopy	€ 1,530
Colonoscopy & Gastroscopy	€ 2,005
Hernia	€ 2,230
Umbilical Hernia Repair	€ 2,725
Anal canal EUA (I.P.)	€ 1,410
Cataract	€ 2,460

\* Pricing is correct as of April 2021 and is subject to change. Current information on prices and reimbursement rates can be provided on request by our team.

# Cross Border FAQs



## What is the ROI Reimbursement Scheme?

The scheme is legislation which allows NI residents to skip the NHS waiting list and access healthcare in Republic of Ireland. The HSC will reimburse the bill.

## Do you provide assistance in completing HSC forms for treatment reimbursement?

Our dedicated team will be there every step of the way for cross border patients. They will assist in the completion of HSC forms and explain the process in full.

## Who can qualify for the Scheme?

Treatment is only available to Northern Irish residents who qualify for public health care.

Having private health insurance does not exclude you from the scheme. But you cannot use your private health insurance to access your referral for healthcare in Ireland.

Only a GP or a consultant you are attending in a public capacity can refer you for treatment.

You must travel across the border. You cannot use telemedicine, for example an outpatient consultation abroad by Skype or video, at any time during the process.

You do NOT need to be on a waiting list to become eligible for this scheme, it is open to any citizen.

## What types of healthcare are covered under the Scheme?

Generally, if the healthcare is available publicly in Northern Ireland, you can be referred for the same healthcare over the border.

Procedures available at Kingsbridge Private Hospital Sligo include Endoscopy, Colonscopy, Hernia, Anal Canal EUA and Cataracts. But there are some specific healthcare treatments that are not covered by the scheme.

## What types of healthcare are NOT covered under the Scheme?

- Organ transplants
- Any long-term care that helps people do everyday tasks such as nursing home care
- Vaccination against infectious diseases
- Clinical trials

## What are the reimbursement options for patients?

Patients must pay up front for their treatment.

## Why Kingsbridge Private Hospital Sligo?

Guided by the needs of our patients and their families, Kingsbridge Private Hospital Sligo aims to deliver the highest level of care with our three tenets of safety, patient focus, and efficiency forming the foundation of our approach.

From outstanding medical treatment to sophisticated diagnostic and therapeutic care, our hospital in Sligo provides a centre of excellence for a range of treatments and procedures while working among some of the top consultants in the North West.

Kingsbridge Private Hospital Sligo is a Joint Commission International Accredited Hospital.

## How can we make this an easy process for your patient?

Our **patient advisors** are on hand to provide a complimentary, personalised service to patients and are ready to answer any queries relating to our service offering, prices and potential onward treatment or referrals.

The team are fully present when guiding patients through the cross border process and personally assist in completing the HSC paperwork, giving you and your patient peace of mind before they leave Kingsbridge Private Hospital.



Contact [sligoadmin@kingsbridgehealthcaregroup.com](mailto:sligoadmin@kingsbridgehealthcaregroup.com) for further information

**Kingsbridge Private Hospital is following all current Health and Safety guidelines so you can be reassured that your patient will be seen in a Covid safe, secure environment.**

## What can we do?

If you would like further information on how we can offer a seamless journey for patients under the Republic of Ireland Reimbursement Scheme, Kingsbridge Private Hospital can provide the following:

- **Practice visits**
- **Patient information stands**
- **Patient information packs**
- **CME training sessions**

If you would like to get in touch you can:

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