

Bath Centre for Pain Services

“Specialist Rehabilitation for Disabling Pain Conditions”

Highly Disabled Adults and Children

Bath Centre for Pain Services (BCPS) provides disability-supportive residential specialist rehabilitation for people with complex chronic pain. We take referrals from across the UK, and can accommodate patients who need help with basic mobility and activities of daily living.

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Highly Disabling Chronic Pain

Residential treatment with disability support

Most adults and children with chronic pain can access local services, or national residential programmes. However, sometimes patients struggle with access where travel is exhausting or where conventional residential accommodation cannot meet their needs.

Specialist Rehabilitation Service

Experience shows that some highly disabled adults and children can respond well to an intensive rehabilitation environment, which is adapted and individualised to patients' needs, and where issues of travel and accommodation are not complicating effective treatment. Patients coming to BCPS only need to "travel once" to access dozens of hours of treatment and will be able to stay in disability adapted accommodation with Health Care Assistant (HCA) Support available 24 hours in the day.

Focus on independence

The aim of our rehabilitation is to support patients to do as much as possible for themselves. However, having HCA support can also directly support some rehab goals. Patients often also need opportunities to practice asking for help, or for the opportunity for parents to 'withdraw' and allow young people to experiment with doing things themselves / with other adults.

- **Disability adapted rooms** – ground floor, hospital beds, wet rooms, space to use scooters / electric wheelchairs
- **HCA support** – assistance with personal care, basic mobility, throughout the day and night
- **Intensive rehabilitation with appropriate support** – pain rehabilitation aims at independence, and ideally the strength to require less personal care. However, if patients are exhausting themselves with managing basic mobility and dressing, rehabilitation will be less effective. We balance support with physical challenge.

Can I refer / How do I get referred?

Patients in England can be referred for assessment, so long as they have been seen and appropriately treated in their secondary care Pain Service. We request that investigations are completed and that referrals are not made before local options are completed, or whilst interventions are still scheduled. Patients in Scotland, Wales, Northern Ireland, Channel Islands, Isle of Man and the Republic of Ireland will need out of area funding.
