

Camden Heath Improvement Practice (CHIP) is a specialist general practice dedicated to the primary care of the homeless in Camden. We are commissioned to register patients who are homeless, or those who have substance misuse, or mental health, issues who find it difficult to engage with mainstream services. Therefore, we offer a holistic approach to our patients to support their full range of wider health and social care needs.

We have an experienced and dedicated team of GPs, nurses and administrators and we offer both drop-in sessions and appointments for our patients.

Being based within the Margarete Centre means that we are co-located with Camden & Islington Foundation Trust (CIFT) which enables us to collaborate closely in undertaking shared care with patients who require support with opiate substitution and mental health issues.

Our services are developed to be integrated with the other services in the local health economy that will benefit our patients. We currently have a dedicated Outreach Navigator who supports patients to access the care that they need from local health and social services.

We also work very closely with the Pathways services at UCLH and Royal Free Hospital to ensure that homeless patients have a clear and appropriate discharge plan from hospital back into the community. And we offer GP sessions to a specialist discharge service, run by St Mungo's at Endsleigh Gardens, to enable patients to be discharged from hospital but cared for until they are recovered sufficiently to

In addition, our practice offers dedicated specialist services for sexual health, tissue viability and hepatology to address some of the key health needs of our patients. We also offer patients sessions with an advice worker to support them with access to benefits and housing in order to support the improvement in the wider social determinants of their health.

We also work with our Patient Participation Group to determine developments within our practice that improves the range, access and appropriateness of services for our patients.