

Eligibility for NHS Pharmacy First Scotland (NHS PFS service)

The following persons are eligible for the service:

- a person registered with the Defence Medical services (even if they are a visitor to Scotland),
- a person registered on a permanent basis with a GP Practice in Scotland,
- a person registered on a temporary basis with a GP Practice in Scotland (unless they are a visitor to Scotland),
- a person who lives in Scotland,
- a person who is a gypsy or traveller in Scotland, or
- a person who is an asylum seeker in Scotland or a dependent of an asylum seeker in Scotland.

The following persons are not eligible:

- a visitor to Scotland (which has the meaning given in paragraph 2.2. of the 2020 Directions).

For the purposes of the operation of NHS PFS:

A **gypsy or traveller** is someone who is part of distinct groups – such as Roma, Romany Gypsies, Scottish and Irish Travellers – who consider the travelling lifestyle part of their ethnic identity.¹

An **asylum seeker** is someone who has lodged an application for international protection under the United Nations 1951 Refugee Convention or Article 3 of the European Convention on Human Rights, and is awaiting a decision from the (UK) Government.²

A **visitor** is someone who is away from their normal place of residence and who intends to stay in Scotland for less than 3 months. A person who is registered with a GP Practice in Scotland on a temporary basis and who is a visitor to Scotland under the 2020 Directions is not eligible to receive the service. A person in Scotland who is an asylum seeker, a dependent of an asylum seeker, a gypsy or traveller is not a visitor to Scotland for the purposes of the 2020 Directions

¹ <https://www.gov.scot/policies/gypsy-travellers/>

² <https://www.gov.scot/publications/new-scots-refugee-integration-strategy-2018-2022/pages/16/>