



# Masonic Samaritan Fund

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## Is Wales' NHS in Crisis?

### Don't wait for a potentially life-saving consultation.

Government statistics reported in April show that an incredible 42% of people in Wales had to wait longer than six weeks for a diagnostic test by a consultant. In England, that figure is only 1.8%.

It gets worse, 17% of people on Wales' NHS waiting list had to wait more than 12 weeks just to get a diagnosis.

### Are you, or someone you know waiting for a consultation? If so, help is at hand.

The MSF can help Freemasons and their eligible dependents have a private consultation if they face a wait of more than 8 weeks on the NHS. All they need to do is call the MSF Grants Team on 020 7404 1550 and tell us how long their GP said the wait will be to see an NHS consultant. We can approve a grant for a private consultation over the telephone.

### There are no forms to complete and no visits from a Lodge Almoner required in order to receive a consultation and assessment grant.

The grant will be confirmed in a letter or email on the same day and you can arrange your private consultation straight away. You can read more about these grants and see a case study of someone we supported by visiting our website.

### We believe Freemasons and their families shouldn't have to wait longer for treatment, care or support because they live in Wales.

By helping with the initial consultation and assessment, the Fund has found that applicants are able to be placed on the NHS waiting list for treatment or surgery. However if you are told you have to wait longer than 12 weeks the MSF may also be able to help with the subsequent treatment or care recommended by the consultant.



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## A question of dependency

The Masonic Samaritan Fund is able to provide a grant to fund private treatment, care or support to:

1. Freemasons
2. Wives and partners of Freemasons
3. Widows (who have not re-married a non-Mason)
4. Freemasons' children in full-time education
5. Someone who is physically or financially dependent on a Freemason

### The MSF defines physical dependency as:



- Someone permanently living in the Freemasons home for example: a relative or adult child.
- Someone cared for by, or is caring for, a Freemason for example: a registered family carer.

### The MSF defines financial dependency as:

- Someone who has relied upon regularly and significant payments from a Freemason for a minimum of 6 months for example: paying rent, mortgage or utility bills. The Almoner or Visiting Brother will verify this through bank statements.

### Can you qualify?

To see if you can apply for a health and care grant from the MSF get in touch today by:

T: 0207 404 1550 W:

[www.msfund.org.uk/eligibility-calculator](http://www.msfund.org.uk/eligibility-calculator)



Health and Care Support