



Groundswell

Out of homelessness



HC2 certificates for people with low or no income.

What is a HC2 certificate?

If you apply to the NHS Low Income Scheme and receive a HC2 certificate for full help with health costs, you're entitled to: free NHS prescriptions, free NHS dental treatment, free NHS sight tests, and help with the cost of glasses or contact lenses.

Who can get one?

People who have low or no income are eligible to apply for a HC2 certificate to help with health costs, regardless of their nationality and/or immigration status.

How can people get one?

You can apply using the [NHS Business Services Authority website](#)

How can support workers help?

Going through the online application with someone and helping them to fill it in can make a real difference and remove barriers to applying. Completing the form online is often a quicker and simpler process than filling out the paper forms.

Everyone has the right to good health and to access healthcare. People experiencing homelessness face health inequalities, they are often excluded from information and services. That's why Groundswell produces accessible health guidance for people experiencing homelessness and those who support them, to help people make informed decisions about their health.