

Travelling to King's College Hospital Assisted Conception Unit

Following egg collection, it is necessary to transport the eggs to King's college Hospital (KCH). There are three main ways of doing this as listed below. Please note that the battery life of the incubators is at least four hours and they weigh approximately 9kg. You will need to provide your sample and wait at KCH while the incubator is emptied and checked. If KCH is busy you may need to wait there for up to an hour while the contents of the box are examined. Please note that KCH see patients in order of arrival. Once you have left KCH you must come back to Kingston to pick up your partner and return the incubator

Our preferred route to use is option 3. The journey takes about 1hr 10minutes and is the least expensive option.

1. By Car

The journey should take between 45 minutes and one hour depending on traffic. **However parking is extremely limited on the KCH site and there are relatively few other car parks available.** Check availability at www.en.parkopedia.com

2. By Mini Cab

Oak Radio Cabs (Tel: 020 8949 5555) are our preferred mini cab company. The cabs are based at Kingston Hospital, and the drivers know the route and the importance of the goods they are carrying. You should book the cab for about 30 minutes after the egg collection is arranged. You will need to pay the driver yourself and be aware that the cost increases significantly if the driver has to wait for any length of time at KCH. Please note that it is not always possible to predict how long egg collections will take and the time for finishing the collection will be approximate. It is also not possible to predict accurately how long you will need to be at KCH.

3. By Train

From Kingston Hospital walk to Norbiton Station which takes about 5 minutes and catch the train to Clapham Junction. These arrive approximately every 20 minutes. This train usually arrives at Clapham Junction on platform 11. You should change at Clapham Junction to catch the train to Denmark Hill. This usually leaves from platform 2. The journey from Norbiton to Denmark Hill usually takes about 50 minutes.

You should alight at Denmark Hill and leave the station to reach Champion Park Road (A2216). Turn right and proceed along this road for about 2 minutes until you arrive at the T junction with Denmark Hill Road (A2215). Cross the road at this point and turn right along Denmark Hill. You will start to walk past some of the KCH buildings almost immediately. Carry on until you see a pedestrian only entrance onto Bessemer Road on your immediate left hand side (you will see the Dental Institute Building on the corner). Proceed to your left through this gated entrance and walk all the way along Bessemer Road until the road curves sharply to the right. Do not follow the road, but continue to walk straight ahead until you see the sign for the Assisted Conception Unit. Turn left at this sign and the entrance is immediately on your right down a small ramp. The walk from Denmark Hill should take about 10 minutes. **See overleaf for a detailed map of the King's site**

You should enter the ACU through this entrance and report to the main reception desk where you will be expected.

The Address of the King's ACU is

Assisted Conception Unit
1st floor Unit 6
KCH Business Park (off Bessemer Road)
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