Time out for health **NHS** reasons?

Here are some important tips:



1) Occupational Health

A referral needs to be made by your **line manager** even if you don't yet know when you will recover. Occupational health could recommend **adjustments, adaptations or** a **phased return**.

2) Check your Trust policy

You may only be entitled to **two weeks full pay** once you return, followed by pro rata. Understanding payment arrangements in advance can help you plan when you return and **avoid unwanted surprises**.

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3) BMA

The BMA can **attend meetings** and liaise with your employer on your behalf, **advocating for you** when you are focussing on getting well.

4) Access to work

If you require workplace adjustments or equipment then these can be paid for through access to work. https://www.gov.uk/access-to-work





5) Financial help

The Royal Medical Benevolent Fund can help if you are struggling financially. https://rmbf.org/

6) SuppoRTT Champion

Your **local champion** is a consultant who can **advise and advocate for you** in navigating the return to work process.

