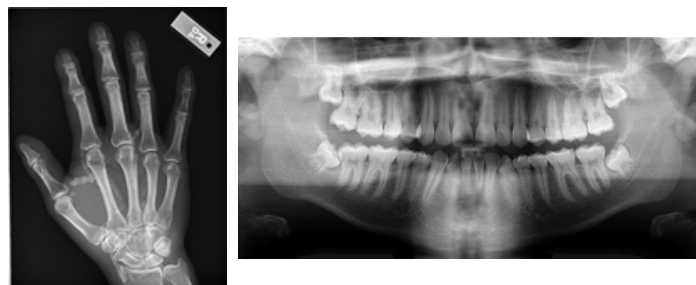


About the department

The QVH x-ray service for GP referrals/outpatients is available from 8.45am to 4.30pm Monday to Friday. Outside of these hours we offer a limited on-call service for minor injuries patients and inpatients.

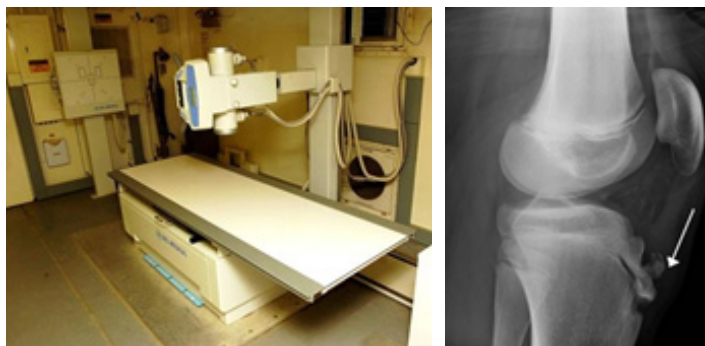
We have three x-ray rooms and are able to undertake most examinations. We specialise in hand, facial and dental imaging, but can take most radiographic images required by hospital outpatients and GP patients.



As we are a small hospital, we are not well equipped with hoist equipment and trolleys so for patients who are very immobile and unable to stand, we suggest they are referred to a hospital with a bigger department with readily available equipment.

How do x-rays work?

We use a computed radiography system. X-rays are produced in the equipment and as they pass through your body they become weakened when they hit any tissue or bone. The weakened x-rays are absorbed by a special phosphor screen inside the cassette. The cassette is then put into a specialist receiver which removes the screen from inside the cassette and reads it with a laser.



The image then appears on the computer screen and we are able to manipulate the image.

Are x-rays suitable for all patients?

X-rays are suitable for all patients, however extra consideration is made in pregnancy. All females who are aged 12-55 years and require x-rays within the pelvic or abdominal area will be asked to confirm their pregnancy status and sign a form.

If you are a parent or carer and are needed to hold your child/ relative during the x-ray, you will be asked to wear a lead apron to protect you from the x-rays. Please be aware that pregnant women are not allowed to act as 'holders' and if you are a female of child bearing age, the staff will ask you about your pregnancy status.

If you have any concerns that you may be pregnant, please inform the radiographer. Any information will be treated with the strictest confidence.

Contact details

Should you have any further questions or queries, please do not hesitate to contact us.

If you have any feedback about this leaflet, please let us know.

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