Visiting our Manchester office
Welcome to the General Medical Council. We help to protect the public and improve medical education and practice in the UK by setting standards for students and doctors. We support them to achieve – and exceed – those standards, and take action when they are not met.

You can find out more about how we do this on our website www.gmc-uk.org.

This leaflet gives you some information that might be helpful for your visit with us. It includes information about local travel and amenities, and what to do if there is an emergency.
Our Manchester office is based at:
3 Hardman Street, Manchester M3 3AW
We’re open from 8.30 am–5 pm, Monday to Friday.

To make sure we can meet your requirements, please speak to your GMC contact in advance to confirm the arrangements for your visit.

Our office is based in a large, glass-fronted building in the Spinningfields area of Manchester, just off Deansgate.

There are a number of organisations based in the building. A security desk servicing all organisations is on the ground floor of the west side of the building – staff on the security desk can let you up to our reception, or can call to let us know you have arrived.
If you need any assistance or further information, please visit our reception on the second floor.

Local amenities

We have a water cooler in our reception area.

There are also a number of sandwich shops, coffee shops and restaurants around Spinningfields and along Deansgate. The nearest supermarkets are on Quay Street, or on the corner of Deansgate and Bridge Street.

The nearest chemist is on King Street, where you will also find a range of other shops.
Local transport

Train

The building is one mile from Piccadilly and just over half a mile away from Victoria mainline train stations. Local trains also stop at Deansgate and Salford Central train stations, which are both a ten-minute walk away.

Metrolink

Metrolink is Manchester’s tram network. There are two Metrolink stations within easy walking distance of the office.

- St Peter’s Square
- Deansgate-Castlefield

Both stations are on the following lines.

- Altrincham–Piccadilly
- Bury–Altrincham
- Eccles–Ashton-under-Lyne
- East Didsbury–Rochdale Town Centre.
- Media City–Piccadilly

Bus

There are three Metroshuttle bus services that run across the city centre. These are free buses that link the main train stations (including Piccadilly, Victoria, Deansgate and Salford Central) with major city centre locations. Two of the three (numbers 1 and 3) Metroshuttle services stop next to our office on Hardman Street.

Taxi

There is a dedicated taxi drop off and collection point in front of the building on Hardman Street.

Car

The nearest car park is on Bridge Street (postcode M3 5AH), just a few minutes’ walk from our office.
Finding your way around the building

Our offices are on the second and third floors of the building. Please make sure you book in with our second floor reception when you arrive.

There are toilets, including a disabled toilet, on every floor. You’ll find these next to the lifts.

Emergency procedures

The fire alarm is tested every Friday at 9.15 am. If an alarm sounds at any other time, please listen to the instruction from the announcement and wait until you are told to evacuate the building.

Please leave the building by your nearest emergency exit. You can find this by following the emergency exit signs. Once you are outside, please go immediately to our assembly point outside John Ryland’s Library (on Deansgate).

If you have an impairment that means you can’t hear the alarm or need help to evacuate the building, please tell the person you are visiting. They will make sure that you have a buddy – someone who will make sure that you get safely out of the building in the event of an emergency.

If you or someone around you is injured or unwell and needs first aid, please call reception on 0 using the nearest telephone. If you need an ambulance, please call 999 directly (dial 9 first for an outside line if using our office phones) and immediately tell reception or a member of our Facilities team.
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