

## LINKS BETWEEN CLIFTON AND CITY HOSPITAL

### Introduction

This note describes bus links available between Clifton and City Hospital. Several routes are available, with interchange at different points and the journey takes between 48 and 58 minutes, including walking and interchange time. These are summarised in Table 1 below:

TABLE 1: ACCESS BETWEEN CLIFTON AND CITY HOSPITAL

Route to hospital	Interchange point	Points served at the hospital	Mon-Fri Daytime	Saturday Daytime	Evenings & Sundays	Journey time	Other comments
L53 to City Hospital (Valley Rd)	Direct service	Valley Rd	30 mins	60 mins	No service	48 min	Serves Valley Rd and does not enter hospital site
L53 to QMC; then Medilink	QMC	All points	30 mins	No service	No service	46 min	Medilink gives a direct link into hospital site
1,2,3,48, 64 to City; then 40	Beastmarket Hill to Queen St	All points	15 mins	30 mins	60 mins	58 min	40 is a long route but gives full access into City Hospital site
1,2,3, 48, 64 to City; then 15,16,17,Red8	Beastmarket Hill to Milton St	Hucknall Rd	High frequency	High frequency	15 mins	57 min	Long walk between Beastmarket Hill and Milton St
1,2,3,48,64 to City; then 87,88,89	Beastmarket Hill to Upper Parliament St	Edwards Lane	High frequency	High frequency	15 mins	54 min	Walk between Beastmarket Hill and Upper Parliament St
4 to Burton St; then 15,16,17, Red 8	Burton St to Milton St	Hucknall Rd	High frequency, but term only	No service	No service	55 min	Term only link, with limited penetration of Clifton Estate
Centrelink from Clifton services; then 15,16,17 or 87,88,89	Milton Street	Hucknall Rd or Edwards Lane	High frequency	High frequency	No service	58 min	Need to interchange onto Centrelink to cross the city centre
Centrelink from Clifton Services; then Trent Barton 3	Victoria Bus Station	Hucknall Road	High frequency	High frequency	No service	58 min	Need to interchange onto Centrelink to cross the city centre

### Direct links to City Hospital

Direct service L53 operates between Clifton every 30 minutes between 0500 and 1800 hours. There is no Sunday service, but buses operate every 60 minutes between 0600 and 1800 on Saturday. The service runs along Valley Road and does not enter the hospital site itself. For full access to City Hospital, interchange with the frequent Medilink service at QMC is advised.

### Other options to reach City Hospital

In terms of penetration of the City Hospital and the shortest interchange distance in the city centre the best option is to get off Clifton buses in Beastmarket Hill and walk 290m to Queen Street, where service 40 is available for the hospital. This service operates every 15 minutes during weekday daytimes and every 30 minutes on Saturday, but only hourly on evenings and Sundays.

With a longer walk in the city centre to interchange, more frequent services are available to City Hospital. These include:

400m: Purple 87,88, 89 – from Upper Parliament Street to Edwards Lane  
500m: Brown 15,16,17 – from Milton Street to Hucknall Road

During University terms, the Unilink 4 service provides a weekday daytime link to the Burton Street area, a short walk from the Brown 15,16 and 17 services in Milton Street.

### Commercial bus operation

Most bus services in the City are provided on a commercial basis. Routes, timetables and stopping patterns in the city centre are largely decided by operators, including NCT, Trent Barton, Premiere and Yourbus.

The locallink L53 service between Clifton and City Hospital is not a commercial service and is funded directly from City Council budgets. The service costs £115,000 each year to operate.

The Medilink service is funded jointly by the Council and the Nottingham University Hospitals Trust. It costs the Council £200,000 to operate.