

A guide to using the UKHSA Malaria Reference Laboratory service for complex problems

**Please note: this service is only for use
by healthcare professionals**



The UKHSA Malaria Reference Laboratory no longer has a telephone help line or fax service. This has been replaced with an **e mail service** which healthcare professionals can now use for their queries after completing a risk assessment form.

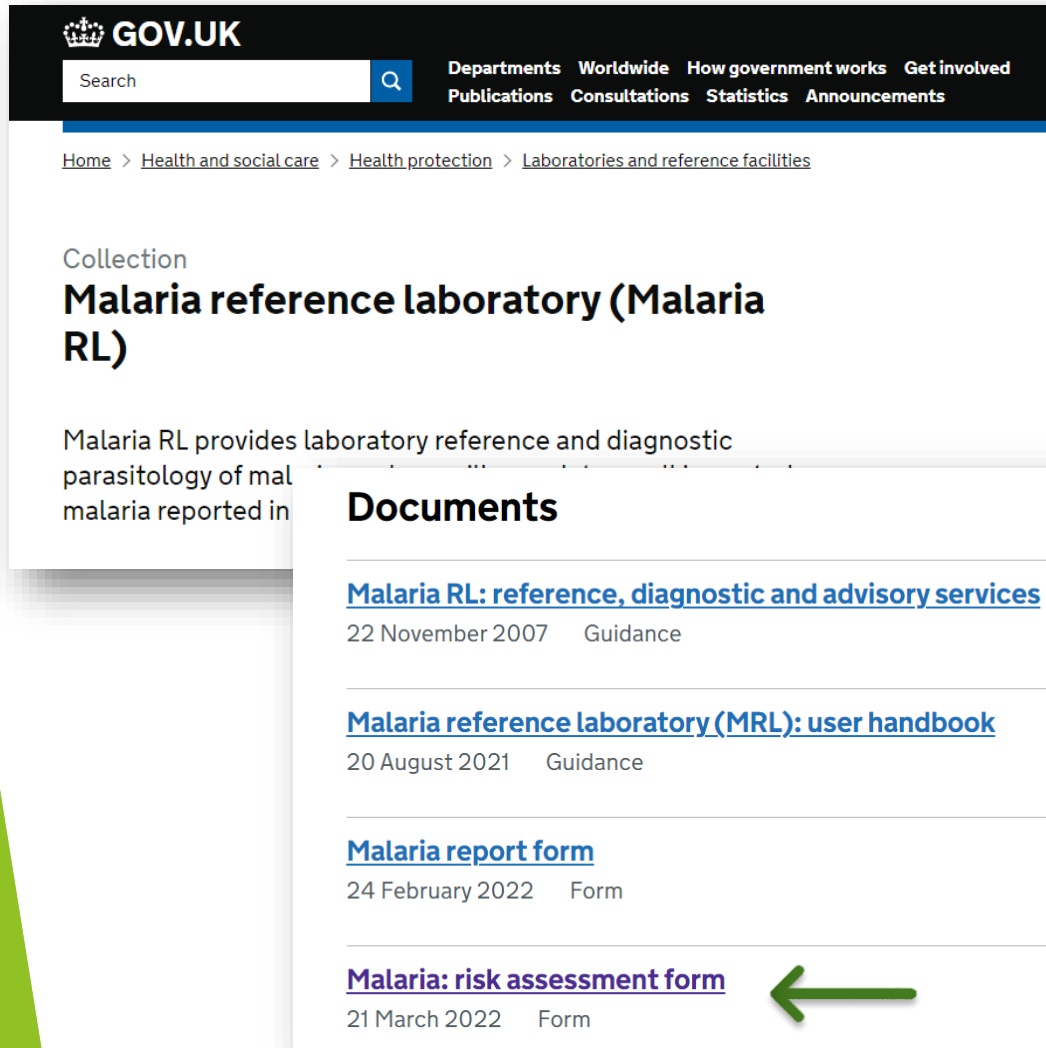


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Please look in the UK Malaria Guidelines before making the enquiry, as the answer to your question may well be in there – see the end of these slides for details

To obtain the risk assessment form go to:

www.malaria-reference.co.uk



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Malaria reference laboratory (Malaria RL)

Malaria RL provides laboratory reference and diagnostic parasitology of malaria reported in

Documents

- [Malaria RL: reference, diagnostic and advisory services](#)
22 November 2007 Guidance
- [Malaria reference laboratory \(MRL\): user handbook](#)
20 August 2021 Guidance
- [Malaria report form](#)
24 February 2022 Form
- [Malaria: risk assessment form](#) ←
21 March 2022 Form

Scroll down the page until you see the Malaria: risk assessment form and click on it

Malaria risk assessment

Please complete this form and email it to the Malaria reference laboratory (MRL) at mle.proph@nhs.net

Name and surgery name:

Surgery or nhs.net email address for reply:

Telephone number:

Name of traveller: _____ Age: _____ Sex: _____

Date of travel:

Area to be visited

See country tables and maps in [Guidelines for Malaria Prevention in Travellers from the United Kingdom](#) on the HPA legacy website.

Destination	Length of stay	Urban, rural or both

Purpose of visit (please tick all those that apply)

Visiting friends and relatives Safari Backpacking

Business or work Study Oil rig Cruise ship

Other – please give details below

Underlying condition (please tick)	Yes	No
Pregnancy	Actual	
	Number of weeks:	
	Planned while on trip	
Sickle cell	Disease	
	Carrier	
Thalassaemia	Disease	
	Carrier	
Epilepsy	Patient	
	First degree relative*	
Depression requiring medication		
Psychosis	Patient	
	First degree relative*	
Asplenic		
Liver disease		
Renal failure (state eGFR)		
Diabetes mellitus		
Cardiovascular	Ischaemic heart disease	
	Arrhythmias	
	Other	
Immunocompromised		
Psoriasis		

* Note: first degree relatives are included in risk assessment as a precaution since risk of epilepsy and major depression is higher in first degree relatives of those in whom these conditions have been diagnosed.

A condition in a first-degree relative may not contra-indicate the use of an [antimalarial](#), but may influence the choice of drug.

Give details of allergies to drugs or other below

Current medication	Yes or no	Comments
Antiarrhythmics		
Anticonvulsants		
Anticoagulants		
Antiretrovirals		
Corticosteroids		
Oral contraceptives		
Bupropion (Zyban ®)		
Other		

Previous antimalarial chemoprophylactic agent taken	Describe any problems



Open up this Word document and then complete ALL pages on your computer so that answers can easily be read.

Tip

Place your cursor on the grey area and then just enter the detail - this type of form creation means the text stays neatly within the box

When you've completed the risk
assessment,

E mail it to

phe.malproph@nhs.net

You will receive an answer back
within 3 working days.



**If your request is urgent, NaTHNaC
provides a telephone advice service for health
professionals on**

020 7383 7474

Guidelines for prevention of malaria in UK travellers

This document is found at:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/malaria-prevention-guidelines-for-travellers-from-the-uk>



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