**Out of Area Scheme**

**Practice Area**

This practice covers the Longton, Hutton, New Longton, Higher Penwortham, Hoole and Walmer Bridge area. There is also an outer Boundary covering some parts of Penwortham

When attending to register with Longton Health Centre, please check with a member of the Patient Services team who will be happy to check that you are living within our practice area.

If you are an existing patient of the practice and you move to an area outside our inner or outer practice boundary you would generally need to register with a GP nearer to your new home.

All primary medical services contracts (GMS, PMS and APMS) have consistent contractual terms that provide practices the option to register out of area without obligations to provide:

1. Home visits;
2. (ii) Immediately necessary treatment following accident or emergency when the patient is at home;
3. (iii) Access to out of hours services (if not opted out) when the patient is at home (and it is not reasonable to expect the patient to attend); or, Classification: Official 8
4. (iv) Other such services provided by the contractor, which for clinical or practical reasons it is not reasonable to expect the patient to attend their registered practice, e.g. this could include follow up care following hospital discharge

**Out of Area Scheme**

This is a scheme available to

* Patients who are registered with the practice; move out of the area and would like to remain registered at the surgery
* Patients who currently live out of the area but would find it easier to be registered at Longton Health Centre - perhaps because this area is your place of work or you would prefer to be registered here.

In these instances, the practice will offer you the option to apply to re-register and be considered to receive care under this scheme with the exception of Home Visits and Emergency /Urgent care whilst out of our practice area i.e. inner or outer boundary.

**Home Visits and Emergency Care whilst out of the practice area e.g. at your home**

* If you ever were to require a Home Visit or Emergency/Urgent care whilst out of our practice area, you would be signposted to contact NHS111 or 999 who would offer you assistance and if required provide a GP to visit you at home.
* If you rang the practice the staff would direct and help you to get the correct type of help you needed
* You would not get a visit from a clinician at this practice however we might offer an appointment to be seen at the surgery or a network practice if you were able to travel. If you could not travel the clinical advice would be to seek medical assistance by contacting a service within the area you are currently residing at

**Registration Process**

Appropriate paperwork must be completed and ultimately the clinical decision based on medical appropriateness will be made as to whether you are suitable to register under this scheme or asked to register at a practice nearer your permanent residence

**Examples of when it is not suitable to register as an Out of Area Patient or where the Registered GP is not obligated to provide services**

* if you usually find it difficult to travel independently and you regularly need to see your GP we would advise to register at a practice nearer your home
* If your medical need changed to needing regular home visits or you needed to visit your GP more often
* Your clinical need changes
* You do not attend regular health checks or review appointments
* Children aged 18 years or under must be registered with an appropriate parent/guardian / named carer residing and registered at the practice.

**Change of Details**

It is important that we are able to contact you.

If you move house, change telephone numbers or name please inform a member of the Reception team who will amend your records to ensure that we have the most up to date information available.

If you would like to receive text reminders of appointments, you hold or any future healthcare related reminders then please let a member of the reception team know so that we can document your consent on your health records.

You are free to withdraw from this decision at any time.

If you would like to continue and apply to be registered as an Out of Area patient then please complete the registration form overleaf

**PATIENT INFORMATION & DECLARATION FORM**

**IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR PATIENTS REGISTERED UNDER THE TERMS OF ‘OUT OF AREA’ ARRANGEMENTS**

We have recently reviewed your request to be registered at the practice under the ‘out of area’ scheme

We are aware that you live outside the practice area (catchment area) and should your application be accepted then you understand that we are not required to provide you with a home visit or emergency/urgent care whilst you reside outside of our practice area, as you may on occasion, develop an urgent illness or injury at home that means attending the GP surgery as normal would not be appropriate.

Should you require urgent medical services please contact the practice in the first instance.

You may be signposted and asked to call **NHS 111** who will direct you to a service that has been established by NHS England. This local service could be a GP practice near to where you live, the local walk-in or urgent care centre.

In these circumstances you will need to provide our practice details below to the urgent care provider to allow them to transfer your consultation data to us so we can update your records.

GP Surgery Address: LONGTON HEALTH CENTRE

LIVERPOOL ROAD

LONGTON

PR4 5HA

Telephone: 01772 503180

Email: [lscicb-gp.longtonhc@nhs.net](mailto:lscicb-gp.longtonhc@nhs.net)

Web Site: www.longtonhealthcentre.co.uk

**REGISTRATION DECLARATION**

Your medical records have been reviewed and the Partnership have agreed it is clinically appropriate and practical to register you under the out of area scheme today, however, in the event that your health requirements change and/ or it is that our professional opinion regarding a change in clinical appropriateness then you will be asked to register with a GP practice nearer to your home to provide home visits or urgent appointments more conveniently. The terms of this registration under the agreed scheme will cease and you will be advised to register with a GP practice closer to home.

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| **PATIENT DECLARATION** | **PRACTICE DECLARATION** |
| I understand the terms as above and urgent care arrangements of this registration:  Full Name:  Date of Birth:  New Address:  Date:  Signature: | Information provided by:  Full Name:  Position:  Date:  Signature: |

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| Accepted / Declined | Reason by Clinician: |