**Out of Area Scheme**

**Practice Area**

This practice covers Longton, Hutton, New Longton, Higher Penwortham, Hoole and Walmer Bridge area.

When registering with Longton Health Centre, please check that you are living within our practice area.

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

All primary medical services contracts have consistent contractual terms that provide practices the option to register out of area patients without obligations to provide:

1. Home visits;
2. Immediately necessary treatment following accident or emergency when the patient is at home;
3. 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

1. 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 as

would find it easier to be registered at Longton Health Centre - perhaps because this area is your place of work.

In these instances, the practice will offer you the option to apply to re-register and be considered to receive care under this scheme except for Home Visits and Emergency /Urgent care whilst living out of our practice area

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

* If you were to require a Home Visit or Emergency/Urgent care whilst living out of our practice area, you would be signposted to contact NHS111 or 999 who would offer medical advice and if required arrange for a clinician to visit you at home.
* If you rang the practice the staff would signpost and help you to get the correct type of help you needed
* You would not receive 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.

**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 needs 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 permanently at the practice.

**Change of Details**

It is important that we can contact you and you need to ensure your contact details are correct.

If you move house, change name or contact numbers please inform a member of the Patient services team who will amend your records to ensure that we have the most up to date information on your records

If you would like to receive text reminders of appointments or any future healthcare related reminders then please let a member of the Patient services 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 register under the scheme as an Out of Area patient then please sign the application form overleaf

**PATIENT INFORMATION & DECLARATION FORM**

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

The GP Partnership are aware that you live outside the practice 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

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

You will be signposted to the most appropriate service or asked to call **NHS 111** or **999**

This local service could be a GP practice near to where you live, a 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** |
| Full Name:  Date of Birth:  New Address:  I understand and agree to the terms as above and urgent care arrangements of this registration: | Name:  Accepted / Declined  Reason by Clinician if declined: |

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| Date:  Signature: | Date:  Signature: |