**OUT OF AREA PATIENTS**

There may be a few reasons why you might like to register as an out of area patient here:

**Moved house but didn’t want to change GP**

**Convenience – closer to work**

**Moved to area but home outside practice boundary**

**Poor previous practice but better service here**

As part of the new GMS contract you are now able to remain at the practice if you move out of our practice boundary area or simply want to become a patient here but haven’t previously been able to because of the practice boundary.

The only change in our service is that we are NOT required to provide home visits and this would mean that you would have to contact the 111 service if you required urgent care or a home visit between the hours of 8:00am and 6:30pm. The 111 service would then put you in touch with a service provider nearer to your own home.

The practice will consider each application to register people who live out of the area on an individual basis, taking into account their individual circumstances. This may involve our surgery contacting your existing/previous surgery to ascertain your suitability to register with us as an out of area patient and who will therefore not receive home visits by us.

If over time it becomes apparent that it would be more clinically appropriate and practical for your specific health care needs if you registered with a GP practice nearer to your home that can provide visits or urgent care more conveniently you will be asked to register elsewhere.

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**We must stipulate that home visits will NOT be provided for any out of area patients unless you were registered with us before 1 October 2014.**

**PLEASE ASK AT RECEPTION FOR DETAILS**

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