

## OUT-OF-AREA REGISTRATION POLICY

Out-of-Area registration is voluntary for GP Practices meaning that patients may be refused registration because they live out of area.

Your application will be considered only on the following basis:

- That you can demonstrate that you have significant ties to the area around the Practice (e.g. virtue of your employment) which means that you are normally in the area for a significant proportion of the Practice opening hours.
- That you will only be registered **without home visits or out-of-hours care** and if it is clinically appropriate and practical in your individual case.

To do this we may:

- Ask you or the Practice you are currently registered with questions about your health to help decide whether to register you in this way.
- Ask you questions about why it is practical for you to attend this Practice (e.g. how many days during the week you would normally be able to attend).

We will **not** register children under the age of 16 if they reside out-of-area as we do not believe that it is in the best interests of children to do so. Access to health visitors and other support services (e.g. safeguarding) are postcode dependant and HGP would not be able to access those services, if required, on behalf of the children. It is also preferable that those under the age of 16 and their families are registered at the same Practice.

If accepted, as an 'out-of-area' patient you will attend the Practice and receive the full range of services provided as normal at the surgery. As HGP does not provide home visits to out-of-area patients, if you have an urgent care need you will need to call NHS 111 and they will put you in touch with a local service (this may be a face-to-face appointment with a local healthcare professional or a home visit where necessary).

If accepted but your health needs change, we may review your registration to see if it would be more appropriate for you to be registered with a GP Practice closer to your home.

For further information visit the NHS Choices website ([www.nhs.uk](http://www.nhs.uk)).