

GP Extended Hours Access Scheme Directed Enhanced Services: Confirm Arrangements for 2016/17

GP Extended Hours DES for 2016/17 continues under the same specification, published in the “General Medical Services Contract 2015/16, guidance and audit requirements”.

NHS England South – South West have offered all practices the opportunity to sign up for this DES before the 30th April deadline and now we are asking practices who plan to offer extended hours the opportunity to confirm or change their arrangements for 2016/17 by 27th May so that the Area Team can agree these by 1st July 2016.

The Extended Hours DES will be monitored each quarter and practices will need to supply the total number of appointments offered in the quarter and the number of appointments used or booked, plus the number of DNAs. This information will be collected on the single claim form.

Where there is evidence that appointments are consistently underutilised, NHS England may decide to decommission the service from the practice. So, if practices uptake rate for the extended hours appointments fall below 30% of the available appointments for two consecutive quarters, we will discuss the situation with the practice to see if the uptake can be improved or whether the extended hours DES will be decommissioned.

Practices can choose to offer extended hours as a group, working together. Also the appointments can be will all practice staff, Practice Nurses and Health Care Assistants as well as GPs. Appointments can be face to face or via the telephone or other technology or a mixture.

Practice Name:	
Practice Code:	
CCG:	
List Size at 1 st April 2016:	
Hours required for delivering this enhanced service (based on 30 minutes per 1000 registered patients)	
Where working as a group of practices to offer extended hours please list the practices in the group.	
Where working as a group of practices please describe how you will work and how you will ensure access to patient records and how you will inform registered practice of patients seen, etc.	

Number of appointments per session	
Healthcare professionals providing extended hours	GPs: (Yes/No)
	Nurse Practitioner: (Yes/No)
	Practice Nurse: (Yes/No)
	HCA: (Yes/No)
Appointment type:	Pre-bookable: (Yes/No)
	Urgent (book on the day) appointments: (Yes/No)
	Telephone Consultations: (Yes/No)
	Other (Skype etc): (Yes/No)
How did you determine when sessions should be held? eg national patient survey, FFT or local intelligence	
How do you let patients know about extended hours provision?	

Please detail the sessions to be offered including times, number of appointments and details of the health care professional who will be offering these appointments

	Mornings (before 08:00)	Evenings (after 18:30)
Monday		
Tuesday		
Wednesday		
Thursday		
Friday		
Saturday		

Please detail any specific innovation you will to implement for extended hours....

This completed form needs to be completed and returned **by email** by 27th May 2016 to:- england.primarycaremedical@nhs.net