Process for registering patients prior to their release from the secure residential estate

Healthcare service *(in prison, immigration removal centre, young offender institution or secure training centre)*	**GP practice** *(in the community)*	**Notes**
Healthcare service identifies with the patient a suitable practice in the community where the patient could be registered on release, and contacts the practice.		The availability of registration at this practice should be checked on the NHS website.
	If the receiving practice's list is closed, the practice will notify the detained estate healthcare team.	The community practice may wish to keep a record of the refusal and its reason.
Healthcare team either find another receiving practice or take up the matter with the relevant commissioner.		If a practice has a closed list, then the patient would in normal circumstances have a choice of others to register at and would not normally require assistance from the commissioner.
Healthcare service will send a pre-registration notification to the receiving practice in the community (using a signed GMS1 registration form).		Up to one month prior to the date of release.
	The receiving practice in the community confirms that the patient has been accepted for registration to take effect from the date notified.	On accepting a patient for pre-registration, the receiving practice would be accepting responsibility for full GMS registration of the patient from their date of release.
Healthcare service arranges for the timely transfer of clinical information to the practice, with emphasis on medication history and substance misuse.		This will be in the form of a paper summary faxed / posted /secure emailed to the preferred surgery until GP2GP is integrated into SystmOne in 2021, when all medical data will be sent electronically.
	GP practice registers the patient.	A patient doesn't need to have proof of address – and can register with their chosen practice, even if homeless. Practices may want to invite patients for new patient checks, although there is no need to attend the practice just to complete the registration.