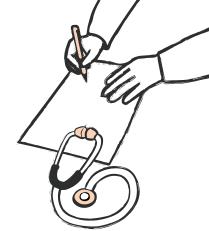
REGISTERING WITH A GP SURGERY IN ENGLAND



WHO CAN REGISTER

Anyone in England can register for NHS services at a GP surgery. It's free and doesn't require proof of address, immigration status, ID, or an NHS number.

ROLE OF GP SURGERIES

GP surgeries are usually your first stop for health concerns. They provide treatment, health advice, and referrals to other NHS services.

REGISTRATION PROCESS:

- Choose a nearby surgery using the 'Find a GP' service.
- Check if the surgery is accepting new patients, their opening times, and reviews.
- Complete a registration form via:
 - NHS App
 - **–** GP surgery's website
 - NHS website's GP profile page (Find a GP - NHS)
 - Paper forms available at the surgery.

OUT-OF-AREA REGISTRATION

You can also register at a GP surgery outside your local area, though most will require you to be within their area.

ID AND ADDRESS PROOF

No ID, NHS number, or proof of address needed

for registration. Some surgeries may request documents to locate medical records or confirm residence within their practice boundary.

REFUSAL AND EXPLANATION

A surgery can refuse registration if:

- Not taking new patients.
- Patient lives outside their accepted area.
- Patient was previously removed. An explanation must be provided within 14 days.

FOR HELP WITH REGISTRATION

If you face issues, contact:

- Local integrated care board (ICB)
- Citizens Advice
- Local Healthwatch

Registering Children: Parents/guardians must register children under 16. A separate form may be needed, along with parent/guardian ID. A personal child health record (red book) is useful.

CHANGING GP SURGERIES

You can change your GP surgery:

- Due to relocation
- Issues with current surgery
- Previous removal upon successful registration with a new surgery, your medical records will be transferred within up to 28 days.

FURTHER INFORMATION

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