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Dear Prospective Patient,

**OUT OF AREA REGISTRATION (without home visits)**

**Information for consideration prior to registration.**

You have requested to register with our Practice as an ‘Out of Area’ patient.

You live outside the practice boundary (catchment area) and we want to make you aware of what this means for you under this type of registration.

We may decide that it is not in your best interests or practical for you to be registered.

Please read the details below and give careful consideration to your request to register with

our Practice.

An important consideration you should make is that we are not required to provide you with a **home visit**.

You may on occasion, develop an urgent illness or injury at home that means attending our

Practice would not be possible.

If you have an urgent care need we will ask you 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).

In these circumstances, NHS 111 will direct you to the local service that has been

established by NHS England for patients such as you. This local service could be a GP

practice near where you live, the local walk-in or urgent care centre, A&E or minor injuries unit.

If this is in the out-of-hours period when GP surgeries are normally closed – between

6:30 pm and 8:00 am weekdays, bank holidays or weekends – NHS 111 will direct you to the

local out-of-hours provider.

If your application is considered the practice will only register you **without** home visits 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 (for

example, how many days during the week you would normally be able to attend)

If accepted, you will attend the Practice and receive the full range of services provided as

normal **other** than home visits.

There are some patients who are not suitable for Out of Area registration.

These include any patient who is likely to require input from a specialist team who are geographically located according to their home, not their GP address.

This includes (but not limited to) patients/services in the following services:

* Pregnant patients
* Families with children under the age of 6 years old (updated 18/06/2021)
* Patients with serious mental health problems/ Community Mental Health Teams
* Patients or Families with Child Safeguarding needs/ Children’s Social Care
* Patients with Adult Safeguarding needs/ Adult Social Care
* Patients with complex community-based packages of care/ Adult Social Care

Also, if you are an out-of-area patient we will review your medical notes on a monthly basis

to ensure we are providing a safe clinical service that is tailored to your needs.

If we feel that we cannot meet your health needs, we will ask you to register at a GP closer to your home address and we will remove you from our list.

Yours sincerely

Alperton Medical Centre

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I agree and understand the terms of registering as an ‘Out of Area Patient’ with Alperton Medical Centre.

I give permission for Alperton Medical Centre to contact my current or last General Practice

for relevant information relating to this request to register with the Practice.

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