

Minchinhampton Surgery

Out-of-area form

Out-of-area (OOA) patients

Catchment boundaries

- All surgeries have a geographical “catchment” boundary which has been agreed with NHS England – this can be found on our website. The boundary is to ensure GPs can safely provide patient care whilst considering travel times for the patient, and the GP when carrying out home visits.

Moving out-of-area

- If you have recently moved outside our practice boundary, it is advised that you register at a GP surgery closer to your home.
- Once you inform us that you have moved out-of-area, you will be given 30 days in which to make alternative arrangements to find a more local GP unless you apply as an OOA patient.

How do I find a new GP?

- The NHS website will allow you to do a postcode search to find information about your nearest surgeries, including whether they are accepting new patients.
- You can find this information here – www.nhs.uk/service-search/find-a-GP
- Before you choose a new GP surgery it is advised to read the section about choosing a GP practice based on its facilities, services, access, and performance. You could also ask your new neighbours, friends, relatives, or people you trust for recommendations.
- When you register with another GP you will automatically be removed from our patient list. Your electronic notes will normally immediately transfer to your new GP with your paper notes following.

What if I am in the middle of important treatment?

- It is normally in your best interest to register at a more local GP surgery as soon as possible after moving out of our catchment area.
- However, if you need emergency treatment or currently have treatment at the surgery more than once a week, you can get treatment from your current GP until your condition improves or until you are accepted at your new GP.

Applying as an “out-of-area” patient

- Patients who move outside our practice area can apply to register as an “out-of-area patient”.
- We do not provide home visits or other urgent care to the patient when they are outside the practice area when the patient cannot reasonably be expected to attend the practice. If such care is needed the patient would need to ring 111 for this to be organised.
- It is at the discretion of the practice whether to accept patients who live out-of-area. This decision is based on the following considerations:
 - Whether there are clinical conditions or care needs which mean registration without the ability to do home visits would compromise clinical care
 - Whether the patient’s needs would be better met through registration to a nearer practice
 - Whether practical reasons mean that the patient is unlikely to benefit from out of area registration e.g. if the patient will not be spending frequent periods of time in the area

Patient details

Full name:	
Date of birth:	
NHS number:	
Old address:	
New address:	
Date of move:	

Patient declaration

I would like to register as an out-of-area patient at Minchinhampton Surgery. I understand that Minchinhampton Surgery will not provide home visits or other urgent care to me when outside the practice area when I cannot be reasonably expected to attend the practice. I understand that my data consents for sharing my healthcare record and information will be kept the same as previously indicated when I first joined the surgery.

Signature:	
Date:	