Out of Area Registration – Patient Information

Cornerways Medical Centre allows certain patients who live outside our practice boundary to register with us under the NHS Out of Area (OOA) Registration scheme. This scheme was introduced to give patients more choice when selecting a GP practice. However, it comes with specific conditions to ensure that at all times we are able to provide safe and appropriate care to all our patients.

If you decide to register with us as an Out of Area patient:

✔ **You will receive:**

- The same routine GP services as other registered patients (appointments, referrals, prescriptions etc.)
- Access to urgent care at the practice if you are able to attend

✖ **You will *not* receive:**

- Home visits from Cornerways Medical Centre

In addition you may not receive visits from Community based services such as:

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- District nursing
- Community midwives
- Health visitors
- Community matron
- Palliative care
- Other domiciliary services

If you require urgent care and cannot travel to the practice, you should call NHS 111, who will arrange local urgent care or a home visit if required.

Who Can Register as an Out of Area Patient?

Registration is not automatic. A GP will assess whether it is clinically appropriate and safe for you based on your health and care needs.

You may *not* be suitable if, for example you:

- Have ever required home visits and/or are unable to reliably travel to the practice for appointments

- Are on multiple regular medications or any medications that require frequent/close monitoring
- Have ongoing regular input from a hospital team and/or community services
- Have complex medical or mental health needs
- Are pregnant or actively trying for pregnancy
- Children under 12 months old or children (under 18 years) requiring input from community services such as Health Visitors, School Nurses, Community Paediatrics or CAMHS
- Attend the surgery frequently for physical procedures eg regular wound care or depot injections
- Live across a county, ICB, PCN or other boundary line and/or a significant distance from the practice (usually defined as >10 miles)

Each application will be assessed individually.

If You Move Out of the Practice Area

If you are already registered with us and move outside our boundary, you may request to stay with the practice as an Out of Area patient. Your suitability will be reviewed by a GP in the same way as for new applicants.

Ongoing Reviews of Your Suitability

If your health needs change, it may become clinically unsafe for you to remain an Out of Area patient. In this case, we may ask you to register with a GP practice closer to your home to ensure you receive safe and appropriate care.

If Your Application Is Declined

If we decline to accept you as an Out of Area patient, we will advise you to register with a practice closer to your home. You may choose appeal the decision and your case will be reviewed by a senior GP.

How to Apply

If you wish to apply:

1. Please inform our reception team
2. Fully complete the Out of Area registration questionnaire. Incomplete application forms may cause a delay in you being able to access our primary care health services.
3. We will contact you with the outcome of your application