

Briefing on Core and Non-Core services

Cleveland LMC regularly receives requests from practices asking what services are included, or not included in the core contract. This document lists services that the LMC considers are non-core, together with whether funding is available to practices via a contract to provide this service, or whether another organisation has been contracted to provide. We thank Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland LMC for sharing their work, on which this document is based. The table below is based on BMA guidance ([Enhanced services GP practices can seek funding for \(bma.org.uk\)](https://www.bma.org.uk)); all the services listed below are considered by the BMA to be outside of the core GMS contract.

Practices are not funded to provide any of these services unless they have a separate contract. ALL OF THESE SERVICES ARE VOLUNTARY.

Please note that just because a service is not explicitly included in this list does not mean it is funded through the core contract; if unsure, please check with us. If you spot any errors, or you feel another service needs to be added, please contact the LMC and let us know. The information is correct to the best of our knowledge at the time of writing this document (May 2024).

Items are marked RED if the LMC does not believe that the commissioners are offering general practices a contract to provide those services. Items are marked GREEN if there is a commissioned service that general practices can opt into. Items are marked AMBER if there is ambiguity or other LMC concern.

We have not assessed whether the contracted services are cost-effective to be delivered by practices within the current funding; this document purely considers the contractual basis on which they are offered. We will be providing more advice in the coming weeks in relation to funding, particularly around our LIS.

If a practice is providing a service that they are not contracted to provide, they can consider stopping it. Before doing so they will need to give their patients 3 months' notice, and we recommend that they also inform the ICB, copying in CLMC.

Any questions or issues please contact the LMC Office - nencicb-tv.adminclmc@nhs.net



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Service	Funding status	Comments
Access – Bank Holidays		
Access - Extended hours		Appointments over and above the requirements of Enhanced Access via the PCN DES
Access – 111 direct booking		Additional capacity of 1 appointment per 2000 patients via LIS
Anticoagulation - DOAC monitoring		
Anticoagulation - Warfarin monitoring	R&C only	Commissioned from IntraHealth in Middlesbrough, Stockton and Hartlepool
Cardiac - 24 hr BP		LIS
Cardiac - ambulatory ECG		
Cardiac - AF screening		
Cardiac - Non-urgent ECG requested by practice		LIS
Cardiac - Non-urgent ECG requested by another service		
Cardiovascular screening health checks		NHS Health Check via Local Authority
Hospital care – 48 hour review of wheezy children		
Hospital care - Post discharge input		This would include repeat bloods/CXR or requests for clinical review
Hospital care - Post-op suture removal/wound care		LIS
Hospital care - Pre and post op swabs/investigations		LIS states “pre and post operative assessment”
Mental health - Dementia diagnosis and treatment initiation		



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Mental health - Provision of depot antipsychotic medication	Yellow	LIS states “injections that are not already included in another scheme”, formulary status AMBER SHARED CARE in Tees
Mental health - depression counselling service	Red	
Mental health - Learning disabilities Health Check	Green	LD Enhanced Service
Mental health - Learning disabilities support	Red	
Minor surgery - lumps and bumps	Green	Minor Surgery DES
Minor surgery - MSK	Green	Minor Surgery DES
Minor surgery - vasectomy	Red	Commissioned from a variety of providers
Monitoring - MGUS	Red	
Monitoring - PSA in cancer	Red	Phlebotomy only included in LIS
Monitoring - PSA in non-cancer	Red	Phlebotomy only included in LIS
Near patient testing	Red	
Pathways - A&G (when instigated by the practice)	Green	LIS
Pathways - A&G (when the hospital chooses to convert a referral to A&G)	Red	
Pathways - Bariatric surgery - postoperative monitoring of patients >2 years post surgery (NHS)	Green	LIS
Pathways - Bariatric surgery - postoperative monitoring of patients >2 years post surgery (non-NHS)	Red	The ICB is actively working on a solution for this commissioning gap. The interim agreement is to refer these patients to secondary care.
Pathways - Catheter changes and management	Red	Community nursing
Pathways - Eating disorder physical monitoring and blood monitoring	Red	This carries significant clinical risk. We strongly discourage this being done in general practice.



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Pathways - D-dimer / DVT management in the community to avoid hospital admissions		Although this has been commissioned in the past, we are not aware that it is currently commissioned; the last contract on file dates from 2013
Pathways - Dermatology Skin Cancer Monitoring Shared care monitoring for high risk conditions – post op Melanoma, Post op SCC, and Lichen Sclerosus		
Pathways - Dermoscopy		
Pathways - Diabetes care including insulin initiation		
Pathways - Falls		Coding related to falls is included within the LIS
Pathways - Glucose tolerance testing		
Pathways - Heart failure management		Complex medication titration is the remit of the specialist heart failure team
Pathways – Epilepsy management		Complex medication titration is the remit of the specialist epilepsy team
Pathways - ICB requested audit		
Pathways – ICB data sharing		Only if specified in a contract
Pathways - ICB requested education/pathway design		
Pathways - Over 75 LES - med reviews and health check including house bound patients		
Pathways – 24 hour neonatal checks		
Pathways - referral review scheme		Peer review is encouraged within the LIS
Pathways - Sigmoidoscopy		
Public health - Alcohol and substance misuse		Commissioned from a variety of providers



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Public health - Delivery of brief interventions to patients to reduce alcohol related harm		
Public Health – Hep B for Occupational purposes		Should be provided via occupational health
Public Health – Hep B for Travel purposes		Can be provided as a private service, with the fee being set by the practice
Public Health – Hep B for Medical or lifestyle purposes		
Public health - Hep B catch up		
Public health - Infant hep B vaccination programme (post exposure immunisation)		
Public health - Immunisation catch up campaigns		Only via specific programmes which may be commissioned through the year
Public health – COVID immunisation		Annual DES
Public health - flu immunisation		Annual DES
Public health - Infection prevention - flu antivirals, pen v post meningitis exposure, scabies outbreak, etc		Ad-hoc arrangements can be commissioned in specific circumstances
Public health - Screening of/vaccination/provision of prophylactic antibiotic or antiviral treatment and other services required for asymptomatic individuals or for outbreaks in institutions at the request of Public Health England		
Public health - Smoking cessation		Although this has been commissioned in the past, we are not aware that it is currently commissioned; the last contract on file dates from 2016/17



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Respiratory - FeNO	Yellow	Equipment is provided via the diagnostic spirometry contract
Respiratory - Spirometry	Green	Diagnostic spirometry contract
Safeguarding - to support the delivery of statutory responsibilities	Red	Invoice the Local Authorities, with the fee set by the practice
Secondary care - Pre-referral paperwork & Template referral forms	Red	Use referral forms only if they are helpful. Referrals can be made by letter if you prefer.
Secondary care - investigations, and other procedures	Yellow	The LIS includes phlebotomy where the request has been put on ICE by secondary care, and “injections that are not already included in another scheme”
Sexual health - Administration of gonadorelins for patients with endometriosis	Yellow	LIS states “injections that are not already included in another scheme”
Sexual health - Chlamydia screening	Green	Via sexual health contract with HCRG
Sexual health - Contraceptive device fittings	Green	Via sexual health contract with HCRG
Sexual health - injectable and depo contraception	Yellow	LIS states “injections that are not already included in another scheme”, not included in sexual health contract
Sexual health - Menorrhagia insertion of mirena	Green	Via sexual health contract with HCRG
Sexual health - ring pessary	Red	
Sexual health - HIV in primary care	Red	
Special allocation scheme - violent patients	Yellow	Commissioned from specialist GP practices
Special groups - Homeless patients	Red	
Special groups - Asylum seekers and refugees	Yellow	There was a commissioned LES for 2023/24. We are not aware that it has been rolled over to 2024/25.
Special groups - Nursing home care	Red	
Special groups - Care home support	Red	No longer explicitly included in PCN DES



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Special groups - Carers support		
Special groups - Difficult to reach communities		
Special groups - Student Health		
Special groups – Virtual Ward		Commissioned via the Federations
Specialist drug monitoring – medical specialities		Shared care within the LIS, only where the GP feels clinically confident to take responsibility
Specialist drug monitoring - psychiatry		Shared care within the LIS, only where the GP feels clinically confident to take responsibility
Specialist drug monitoring - gender dysphoria (NHS)		Included in the LIS, only where the GP feels clinically confident to take responsibility
Specialist drug monitoring - gender dysphoria (non-NHS)		
Treatment room - Administration of "specialist" injections eg gold, -umabs		LIS states "injections that are not already included in another scheme" and specifically references denosumab as included
Treatment room - Administration of MH Depot injections		LIS states "injections that are not already included in another scheme"
Treatment room - Administration of gonadorelins for patients with carcinoma		LIS states "injections that are not already included in another scheme"
Treatment room – Complex leg ulcer treatment		LIS includes leg ulcer treatment, compression bandaging and 2 and 4 layer dressing. Anything more complex should be managed by the tissue viability service.
Treatment room - Ear care		LIS
Treatment room - Phlebotomy		LIS



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Treatment room - post op wound care incl suture removal		LIS
Treatment room - pre and post op swabs/investigations		LIS
Treatment room – pregnancy testing		LIS
Treatment room - simple dressings		LIS
Treatment room - wound care		LIS
Urgent care - management of minor injuries		Signpost to Urgent Care
Urgent care - Emergency box palliative care		
Urgent care - palliative care		
Urgent care - responding to emergencies in practice area		
Urgent care - supporting ambulance service with advice		LIS