

LOCAL ENHANCED SERVICE FOR STUDENT HEALTH SERVICES

Version Control		
Version	Date Amended	Summary of amendments
Specification Student LES Final	April 2022	Open Exeter changed to FPPS. Termination and GMPI added Funding updated for 22-23 Justified
Specification Student LES Final 2023-24	July 2023	Fees & claiming process amended.

“Students” – Current student studying in a University in Cardiff with a student number. ‘Newly registered’ – Student registering with a practice for the first time

1. Introduction

A number of GP practices in Cardiff have large numbers of university students on their list.

The GP practices devote additional time and resource to student services particularly (but not exclusively) with first registration.

2. Overall Aims

Over the past years the Local Enhanced Service for students has been amended to ensure that practices are reimbursed for their time and effort in ensuring a smooth registration process for new students.

3. Definition of Service

In previous years the UHB has worked closely with universities within Cardiff to ensure all campus sites are serviced by a practice or practices. Consequently, the UHB have allocated halls to practices to ensure equity of access and capacity for all students. (Patient choice is available to students are they are still able to register at a practice which is not represented on campus.)

To ensure that the Local Enhanced Service develops in line with the needs of practices, students and the university, the UHB has taken on board any feedback provided.

It is suggested that as within 2012/13, the arrangement whereby the UHB reviewed the location of both the university halls and practices and has divided them into two areas should continue.

It will be up to practices within each area to decide how they will continue to work together and to agree practice coverage at each of the university halls, then to

produce a list of allocated halls for distribution to the university and the UHB for information.

4. Funding

The reimbursement will reflect the number of students.

Practices that participate in this enhanced service will receive payment at the end of each financial year.

Practices should submit claims to NWSSP via email to nwssp-primarycareservices@wales.nhs.uk with FAO Payments Dept in the subject line, attaching both the claims form and a spreadsheet of the registered patients for validation. The claim must be made on an annual basis, and before May 15th following the close of the financial year for which you are claiming i.e. the claim for 2023/24 must be made before 15/05/2024.

All claims will be subject to post payment verification (PPV) checks.

4.1 Registrations and payment

Practices will be paid according to the number of students they register on the sliding scale as detailed below. For illustrative purposes, the fee levels for 2023/24 have been given: please refer to the latest schedule of Enhanced Services fee levels for the most up-to-date fees (available on the Primary Care pages of the UHB intranet).

300-500 registrations - If a practice registers 300-500 students they will receive £1,559.89

501-1000 registrations - If a practice registers 501-1000 students they will receive £3,119.77

1001-1500 registrations - If a practice registers 1,001-5000 students they will receive £4,679.66

Over 1500 - If a practice registers over 1500 students they will receive £6,239.55

These rates are correct as at 31st May 2023. The latest schedule of fees for all Enhanced Services should be referred to for the most up-to-date information. This will be available on the Primary Care pages of the UHB intranet.

5. Details of Service Monitoring, Evaluation and Review

The practice may be required to participate in undertaking an audit as agreed in advance with the UHB and to provide monitoring data to the UHB Primary Care team for review of the LES. Practices must ensure their record keeping in relation to students is up to date and accurate. This information will inform service planning and allow identification and sharing of good practice and/or areas for improvement where the service outline have not been met.

6. Termination Period

Should the practice wish to cease providing the Enhanced Service, it will be required

to provide 3 months' notice in writing to the Health Board. Should the practice wish to suspend providing the Enhanced Service it should contact the Health Board for guidance prior to any action being taken.

If, for any reason, a practice terminates/suspends the Enhanced Service and, if claims have been made during the current financial year, any reporting/auditing requirements outlined in the specification must be submitted upon request.

7. General Medical Practice Indemnity

This Enhanced Service is covered by the scheme for General Medical Practice Indemnity (GMPI) which falls under the GMS Contract Wales.

This scheme relates to potential or actual clinical negligence claims arising from incidents on or after 1 April 2019, and captures all General Medical Practice (GP practice) staff undertaking NHS 'primary medical services' as defined in The National Health Service (Clinical Negligence Scheme) (Wales) Regulations 2019

The National Health Service (Clinical Negligence Scheme) (Wales) Regulations 2019, sets out the scope of the scheme, namely "primary medical services" which are defined as health services provided under a contract, arrangement or agreement made under or by virtue of the following sections of the National Health Service Wales Act 2006:

- (a) section 41(2) (primary medical services);
- (b) section 42(1) (general medical services contracts);
- (c) section 50 (arrangements by Local Health Boards for the provision of primary medical services).

The GMPI will include clinical negligence liabilities for NHS work arising from the activities of all GP practice staff, including: GP partners; salaried GPs; locum GPs, if on the All Wales Locum Register; Practice Pharmacists; Practice Nurses; Practice Healthcare assistants; and any other member of staff providing clinical services. GP trainees and trainee nursing students delivering general medical services will also be covered. The GMPI will also cover any healthcare professionals providing the delivery of NHS Primary Care through Primary Care cluster arrangements and any vicarious liability to practices where a cluster-based health professional is providing direct care to the practice's registered patients.

GP Locums who are registered with and working to the terms of the All Wales Locum Register (AWLT) for Wales have access to the scheme for GMPI.