

Dear Colleague.

We write to you as Lincolnshire LMC, representatives of Lincolnshire general practice.

Please be aware that as part of GP collective action, general practice is reviewing services and workloads which are currently undertaken including those services that are outside the scope of core general practice. Due to the escalating pressures on general practice, we can no longer undertake such work without the appropriate resources and mechanisms in place to support this non-core work.

Treatment Room is one such workload.

GP practices signed up to provide Treatment Room may serve notice imminently and your department will likely see letters from GP practices to inform you of this. Alternative post-procedure reviews for patients will need to be made as part of their discharge planning as their GP practice would no longer be providing the following once their 6 month notice period expires.

Services that will a practice giving notice will cease to provide include, but are not limited to:

- Application of simple dressings.
- Removal of sutures and clips from uncomplicated wounds arising from a secondary care procedure.
- Post-operative care of surgical wounds in patients who can attend the Provider premises and where the care of such wounds falls within the skill and experience of the staff involved.
- Follow up wound care arising from attendance at GPwSI schemes, the Community Surgery Service, Minor Injury Units, Urgent Treatment Centres and Accident and Emergency Units. These units will provide, on FP10 an initial supply of appropriate dressings.

Should this notice cause a challenge for your department, please raise this with Lincolnshire ICB as the commissioner.

Thank you for your ongoing care of our mutual patients to continue their safe monitoring.



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