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## How your local NHS works


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## Your local NHS

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## PRIMARY CARE


Primary health care provides the first point of contact in the health care system. In the NHS, the main source of primary health care is general practice.

Primary Care is made up of GP's, Opticians and Pharmacists.

There are 44 GP practices in Basildon & Brentwood CCG who are independent contractors. These practices look after a population of just over 260,000 patients.

90% of NHS contact with patients occurs in Primary Care.

Practices are contracted to provide care for patients between 8am and 6.30pm Monday to Friday.



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There are 4 different types of services provided under the GP contract:


1. Essential
2. Additional
3. Enhanced
4. Out of hours

1. All practices must provide **essential services**, defined as:

"The management of those who are ill or believe themselves to be ill with conditions from which recovery is generally expected for the duration of that condition, and the general management of patients who are terminally ill"

2. Practices may, if they wish, provide any of the 7 **additional services**:

- Cervical screening
- Contraceptive
- Vaccinations and immunisations
- Childhood vaccinations and immunisations
- Child health surveillance
- Maternity
- Minor surgery



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### 3. Enhanced Services

- Direct Enhanced Services (DES) are nationally specified and must be offered to all practices by NHS England i.e. influenza immunisation programme and extended hours.
- Multiple Commissioned Services are locally defined and are generally offered to all practices i.e. minor injury, Phlebotomy, Secondary Care wound Management,

### 4. Out of hours

The out of hours period is 6.30pm to 8am Monday to Friday and all weekend.

Practices may opt out of providing out of hours care. NHS England then becomes responsible for the provision of out of hours care to the patients of opted out practices.



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### Payment to practices comprises the following components:

- **Global sum**

This is the major part of the money paid to practices monthly to cover practice running costs including delivery of essential, additional and out-of-hours services (if not opted out), staff costs, career development and local reimbursement.

The global sum rate in 2013-14 is £66.25 per weighted patient (patients are weighted for age, gender and deprivation to reflect average workload)

- **Quality payments**

Financial incentives are used to encourage high quality care. Achievement against quality indicators converts to points. Each point has a monetary value with a maximum of 900 point being available.

- **Premises payments**

NHS England funds GP rent (whether rented or owned) and rates. The amount a practice may receive depends upon the value of the premises.

- **Dispensing payments (if applicable)**

Practices that are in more rural areas may dispense medication to their patients, a service for which the practice will receive a payment.

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### Types of GP

- **GP principal/partner**  
GP partners run the practice. There can be a single-handed GP, but normally a number of GPs group together in a multi partnership practice. As well as seeing patients the GP partner is responsible for running the business side of the practice.
- **Sessional GP**  
A salaried GP is employed by a practice receiving a salary for a fixed number of hours worked. A GP locum is essentially a freelance GP who works independently or through a locum agency. GP locums are employed to cover leave, sickness or back-fill a practice GP attending a meeting or activity outside the practice.

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### Community Care - NELFT

- Community Nurses
  - District nurses
  - Parkinson's nurses
  - COPD Team
  - Heart Failure Team
- Community Hospitals
- Therapy Services
- Day Hospitals
- Sexual health services
- Health improvement
- Specialist children services

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### Clinical Commissioning Group

Basildon and Brentwood Clinical Commissioning Group (BBCCG) is the statutory commissioner of healthcare for Basildon, Billericay, Brentwood and Wickford.

BBCCG work with GP's to plan and buy healthcare for the local population.

BBCCG is responsible for buying healthcare from hospitals, community and mental health services. Service contracts with GP's, dentists, pharmacists and opticians are managed by the NHS Commissioning Board.

BBCCG has the lead responsibility for medium to long-term health plans for its local population, working with all organisations in the health and social care system, including service users and the public.

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### Partnership BIC Locality Member Practices

Due to the high population within BBCCG the area has been divided into four localities; Arterial, Partnership BIC, Brentwood and SEMC Localities. This structure is specific to BBCCG.

There are forty four practices in Basildon & Brentwood CCG and each practice belongs to one of the locality groups. Each locality has GP leads which sit on the BBCCG board.

Partnership BIC Locality Member Practices are:

Kingwood Medical Centre	Noak Bridge Medical Centre
Murex Medical Centre	The Knares Medical Centre
Dr Lockwood & Partners Laindon Health Centre	The Felmores Surgery
Dr Marshall & Partners Laindon Health Centre	The Felmores Medical Centre
	Dr Rao, Rippin Medical Centre
	Fryerns Medical Centre
	Rose Villa, Pitsea
	Watching Green Surgery

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### Localities

- **Patient Engagement**

A key role within localities is to engage with their patients, whether this be through practice participation groups, wider patient network groups or virtually through the CCG websites, practice surveys etc. Engaging with patients successfully means that feedback can be gained to influence current services or influence future services.

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### NHS England

The main aim of NHS England is to improve the health outcomes for people in England.

NHS England commission Specialist Services, for example:

- Bariatric Surgery  
NHS England commission complex and specialised surgery as a treatment for selected patients with severe and complex obesity that has not responded to all other non-invasive therapies.
- NHS England is responsible for the operational management of the Cancer Drugs Fund (CDF) which provides additional £200m each year to enable patients to access drugs that are not routinely funded by the NHS

