

If you wish to apply to register as an *Out of Area* patient or if you would like to stay registered at **The Quarter Jack Surgery** when you move to an address not within our boundary, please complete an *Out of Area* Registration form.

A set small area surrounding the regular boundary is considered the *Outer Boundary* and anywhere further away than this is considered *Out of Area*. You may be accepted as an *Outer Boundary* patient with home visits or an *Out of Area* patient without home visits.

However, we may be unable to register you and ask that you choose a surgery closer to home.

We are pleased that you wish to be a **Quarter Jack Surgery** patient and each application will be considered individually - you will be informed of the outcome.

If you are accepted and your medical condition changes in the future (ie

you need repeated GP home visits, District Nurse input, Midwife and Health Visitor input) it may be more appropriate at that point for you to re-register with a surgery closer to home. We will let you know if your GP feels that this applies.

If at any time you choose to register at a practice close to home, you are free to do this and you do not need to inform us.

Patients who are accepted as *Out of Area* patients who become too ill to travel to the surgery should firstly seek telephone advice from **The Quarter Jack Surgery** and, if a visit is deemed necessary, should telephone **111** to obtain details of surgeries providing urgent care in your area.

The surgery you contact may wish to speak to your GP so please have your usual contact number to hand. They may also ask for our fax number - **01202 882368**.

THE QUARTER JACK SURGERY OUT OF AREA REGISTRATION GUIDE



Patient Information – Choice of GP Practice

From 5 January 2015, all GP practices in England are free to register new patients who live outside their practice boundary area.

This means that you are able to join practices in more convenient locations, such as a practice near your work, closer to your child's school or even re-join your existing practice when you move home.

There are some important things you need to know before choosing to register with a GP practice away from your home address.

Things such as:

- These new arrangements are voluntary for GP practices. If the practice has no capacity at the time or feels it is not clinically appropriate or practical for you to be registered so far away from home then they can still refuse registration. The practice should explain their reason to you.

- Once you have decided to register with a GP practice away from your home address, you will need to choose a practice that is accepting registrations from outside of their traditional practice boundaries. You can find this information by contacting the GP practice directly. They may have this information on their practice website or on their practice leaflet but the best way will be to contact them by telephone and asking a receptionist.

- Because of the greater distance to your home, the GP practice may register you without the responsibility to provide you with a home visit when you are not well enough to go to the practice yourself.

- When you register with a practice away from home, without home visits, you will be given information about what you should do in those circumstances where you need to access care whilst at home.

- You may, if your circumstances change and it is no longer clinically

appropriate or practical for you to be registered away from home, be asked to consider registering with a practice closer to home where your care may be better provided at that time.

- Should you become too ill to attend your registered practice in person or your practice advises that they are unable to assist you over the phone, contact **NHS 111** who will direct you to the right service for your needs.

You should also read the sections about:

- How to choose a GP
- Making a GP appointment
- General information on what to expect from your GP

These are available at: www.nhs.uk

This information is taken from NHS Choices website as above

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