

Non-Core Services in LLR

The 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, or whether another service has been contracted to provide.

The original list was created by the British Medical Association¹ and are services that have been agreed not to be covered by the core GMS contract. Practices are not funded to provide any of these services unless they have a separate contract.

This is not an exhaustive list of services that are not included in core-funding. 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 funding through the core contract. If unsure, please check with the LMC.

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 locally commissioned service that general practices can opt into.

Items are marked AMBER if there is ambiguity or other LMC concern.

If a general 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.

If you spot any errors, or you feel another service needs to be added, please contact the LMC and let us know.

This document was shared with the ICB in June 2023. We are also aware that the ICB have shared with NHS England. Despite further contacts we have not received any comments from the ICB or NHS England.

This version takes into account the proposed 'Community Based Services' (CBS) contract which will be introduced from April 2024.

Any questions or issues please contact the LMC: enquiries@llrlmc.co.uk

¹ Enhanced services GP practices can seek funding for (bma.org.uk)



Service	GP funding available in LLR?	Comments
Anticoagulation - DOAC monitoring		
Anticoagulation - Warfarin monitoring		
Cardiac - 24 hr BP		Contracted via PCN Diagnostic Bundle
Cardiac - ambulatory ECG		Contracted via PCN Diagnostic Bundle
Cardiac - AF screening		
Cardiac - Non-urgent ECG		Contracted via PCN Diagnostic Bundle
Cardiovascular screening health checks		Contracted as NHS Health Check from LA for eligible patients only.
Extended hours		This would be if the ICB decided to contract for additional capacity outside of core hours (and not part of Enhanced Access)
Hospital care – 48 hour review of wheezy children		
Hospital care - Post discharge input		For example request routine follow up following surgery.
Hospital care - Post-op suture removal/wound care		Included in CBS.
Hospital care - Pre and post op swabs/investigations		
Mental health - Dementia diagnosis and treatment initiation		
Mental health - Provision of depot antipsychotic medication		Included in CBS
Mental health - depression counselling service		
Mental health - Learning disabilities Health Check		Enhanced Service.



Mental health - Learning disabilities support	
Minor surgery - lumps and bumps	Minor Surgery DES
Minor surgery - MSK	As per Minor Surgery DES.
Minor surgery - vasectomy	Contract with community providers.
Monitoring - MGUS	Decline and refer back to haematology (process is currently being agreed with UHL)
Monitoring - PSA in cancer	, 3
Monitoring - PSA in non-cancer	Included in CBS
Near patient testing	HCG as part of CBS
Pathways - A&G	Not funded locally
Pathways - Bariatric surgery - postoperative monitoring of patients >2 years post surgery	Refer back to provider (NB if done by private provider, refer to NHS for f/u if eligible. If not eligible for NHS care will need all f/u with private provider.) The LMC is working with the ICB to clarify this area.
Pathways - Bank holiday opening	·
Pathways - Catheter changes and management	
Pathways - Eating disorder physical monitoring and blood monitoring	
Pathways - D-dimer / DVT management in the community to avoid hospital admissions	
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	Under Enhanced Diabetes Scheme
Pathways - Falls	
Pathways - Glucose tolerance testing	Included in CBS
Pathways - Heart failure management	Refer to community heart failure service
Pathways - ICB requested audit	Unless specified in a contract.
Pathways - ICB requested education/pathway design	Partially supported by PLTs
Pathways - Over 75 LES - med reviews and health check including house bound patients	
Pathways – 24 hour neonatal checks	Provided by UHL/Midwives
Pathways - referral review scheme	
Pathways - Sigmoidospcopy	
Public health - Administration of PCV and hib/men C vaccinations	Contact ICB, if practice asked to provide can invoice ICB.
Public health - Alcohol and substance misuse	Refer to Turning Point
Public health - Delivery of brief interventions to patients to reduce alcohol related harm	
Public Health – Hep B for Occupational purposes	This is the responsibility of employers to provide
Public Health – Hep B for Travel purposes	This non-core and a practice may contract with and charge a patient for providing this.
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	General practices are only funded if part of normal schedule
Public health - flu immunisation	Annual DES
Public health - Infection prevention - flu antivirals, pen v post meningitis exposure, scabies outbreak, etc	If requested by Public Health, contact ICB, who may contract wit the practice on an ad hoc basis to provide.
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	Refer to Local Authority services
Respiratory - FeNO	Part of PCN diagnostic bundle
Respiratory - Spirometry	Part of PCN diagnostic bundle
Safeguarding - to support the delivery of statutory responsibilities	Invoice for all reports, attendances at meetings etc to ICB
Secondary care - Pre-referral paperwork & Template referral forms	
Secondary care - investigations, and other procedures	
Secondary care - Referral review scheme	
Sexual health - Administration of gonadorelins for patients with endometriosis	Included in CBS
Sexual health - Chlamydia screening	



Sexual health - Contraceptive device fittings	Contract with local authority (public health).
Sexual health - injectable and depo contraception	Contract with LA/Public Health
Sexual health - Menorrhagia insertion of mirena	Not commissioned. Would need to be a contract with ICB and not LA as not sexual health.
Sexual health - non-HIV	
Sexual health - ring pessary	Included in CBS
Sexual health - HIV in primary care	
Special allocation scheme - people who have been removed from multiple surgeries	Separate contracted service
Special allocation scheme - violent patients	Separate contracted service.
Special groups - Homeless patients	Separate contracted service
Special groups - Asylum seekers and refugees	Separate contracted service. NB practices not contracted for individual patients in their area
Special groups - Nursing home care	Included in CBS
Special groups - Care home support	Included in CBS
Special groups - Carers support	
Special groups - Difficult to reach communities	
Special groups - Student Health	
Special groups – Virtual Ward	
Specialist drug monitoring - cardiology	Shared Care Drugs – CBS
Specialist drug monitoring - dermatology	Shared Care Drugs – CBS



Specialist drug monitoring - gastroenterology	Shared Care Drugs – CBS
Specialist drug monitoring - gender dysphoria	
Specialist drug monitoring - haematology	Some drugs part of Shared Care Drugs in CBS
Specialist drug monitoring - neurology	Some drugs part of Shared Care Drugs in CBS
Specialist drug monitoring – psychiatry - Lithium	Included in CBS
Specialist drug monitoring - psychiatry	Shared Care Drugs – CBS
Specialist drug monitoring - rheumatology	Shared Care Drugs – CBS
Treatment room - Administration of "specialist" injections eg gold, -umabs	
Treatment room - Administration of MH Depot injections	Shared Care Drugs - CBS
Treatment room - Administration of gonadorelins for patients with carcinoma	Shared Care Drugs – CBS
Treatment room - Complex leg ulcer treatment	Contract with LPT
Treatment room - complex wound/ulcer management	Simple wound dressing included in CBS
Treatment room - Ear care	Ear Irrigation included in CBS
Treatment room - Phlebotomy	Included in CBS
Treatment room - post op wound care incl suture removal	Included in CBS
Treatment room - pre and post op swabs/investigations	
Treatment room – pregnancy testing	Included in CBS



Treatment room - simple dressings	Included in CBS
Treatment room - wound care	Included in CBS
Urgent care - Management of minor injuries	Included in CBS
Urgent care - Emergency box palliative care	Included in CBS if part of care planning
Urgent care - palliative care	Included in CBS if part of care planning
Urgent care - responding to emergencies in practice area	
Urgent care - supporting ambulance service with advice	

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