



## National Performers List Factsheet For NHS England South East Region GPs

[The National Health Service \(Performers Lists\) \(England\) Regulations 2013](#) provide a legal framework for managing medical, dental, and ophthalmic performers who undertake clinical work under the provisions of an NHS primary care contract and entrust the responsibility for managing these Lists to NHS England.

All Performers List processes are managed via [Primary Care Support England \(PCSE\) Online](#). All GPs **must** have an account so that they can keep their details updated.

Practices and employers seeking to engage a GP to provide NHS primary medical services **must** ensure that the doctor is legally entitled to work, and can do so by searching the publicly available [Performers List for England](#).



### Declarations

- From January 2024, all GPs are required to make an **annual declaration** – via their personal [PCSE](#) account - that they have provided **NHS primary medical services in the past 12 months**. NHS England will need to consider all cases in which a GP has not provided services within the past year, or has very low activity over successive years, to decide whether the doctor should remain on the Performers List. In the South East, the doctor will usually be invited to have structured conversation with a Clinical Adviser to establish the nature and extent of work undertaken and planned.
- While included on a Performers List, performers **must** inform NHS England by way of a written declaration **within 7 days** - by emailing [england.southeast-performance@nhs.net](mailto:england.southeast-performance@nhs.net) - if any of the following apply:

1.	<b>You are charged in the United Kingdom with a criminal offence, or are charged elsewhere with an offence which, if committed in England and Wales, would constitute a criminal offence.</b>
2.	<b>You are involved in any inquest as a person who has been found by a coroner to have caused, or contributed to, the death of the deceased, or otherwise had their conduct brought into question at an inquest.</b>
3.	<b>You become the subject of any investigation by any regulatory or other body, or are informed by any regulatory or other body, of the outcome of any investigation which includes a finding adverse to (you as) the Practitioner.</b>
4.	<b>You become the subject of any investigation in respect of any current or previous employment, or you are informed of the outcome of any such investigation, which includes a finding adverse to (you as) the Practitioner.</b>
5.	<b>You become the subject of any investigation by the NHS Counter Fraud Authority in relation to fraud, or you are informed of the outcome of such an investigation, which includes a finding adverse to (you as) the Practitioner.</b>

- The above declaration must also be made if the doctor was the **director of a body corporate** at the time any of the above events occurred.
- The doctor will be required to provide relevant documents and information relating to their declaration.

## Inclusion

You **must** be on the Performers List for England if:

- You work as an NHS GP providing primary medical services.
- You work as an NHS GP providing a defined scope of primary medical services, eg, women's health or minor surgery.

You **do not** need to be on the Performers List for England if:

- You work as doctor **only** providing non-NHS primary medical services.
- You were trained as a GP but **only** work in a non-primary care setting undertaking care that is not contracted as a primary medical service, eg, working exclusively in Community Dermatology.
- You are a doctor with a licence to practise, but not on the GMC GP register, and work in a primary care setting providing services for which you are revalidated by **another** designated body that is not NHS England.
- You **only** provide COVID vaccinations and any medical care necessary for their safe provision.
- You plan to work abroad and **not** in the NHS for at least the next year.

Please note that if you undertake a low volume of NHS work alongside other roles, you must be able to provide the supporting information for revalidation from your NHS GP work.

If you withdraw from the List, NHS England will no longer be your designated body for revalidation.

**Please don't forget to update your prescribed connection on PCSE.** The GMC have a useful tool to help determine your designated body [here](#).

## Return to the List

- NHS England is now permitted to use information that it already holds for a doctor who was previously included in the England List. There is an abbreviated application form and therefore the processing is much faster than a full application.
- Upon returning to the List, you are **no longer required** to provide the following documented evidence in support of an application:
  - **CV**
  - **References**
  - **Evidence of GMC registration**
  - **Graduation Certificate**
  - **Occupational Health Clearance**
  - **Evidence of Indemnity**
- We encourage any returning practitioner to contact us for a **structured conversation with a Clinical Adviser** to further understand their professional circumstances and consider whether a direct return or application to the [Return to Practice scheme](#) is more appropriate.

## Newly Qualified GPs

- There is an abbreviated application form and therefore the processing is much faster than a full application.
- You are **no longer required** to provide the following documented evidence in support of an application:
  - **CV**
  - **References**
  - **Graduation Certificate**
  - **Appraisal/ARCP**
  - **Occupational Health Clearance**
  - **Evidence of Indemnity**
  - **A renewed DBS Certificate** - we will accept the Certificate obtained at the commencement of your training programme.
- We recommend an application to join the List is made in the **final six months** of your training programme.

## Applications from Practitioners included in an equivalent List (Devolved Nations)

- An application should be made to join the National Performers List in England via the [PCSE portal](#).
- Initial checks are made regarding your current inclusion. We check you are included and that:
  - **You are not suspended**
  - **You are not subject to conditions**
  - **Consideration has not been taken to remove, impose conditions, or suspend you from the equivalent list**
  - **You have not previously made an application to join the List that was subsequently refused**
- Following completion of the initial checks, and if the criteria are met, the practitioner may commence the provision of primary medical services for a period of up to three months, whilst their application is being considered.

## Concerns

In addition to being fit to practise, performers working in primary care must be able to demonstrate that they are safe and able to work independently in that setting. This is commonly referred to as being “**fit for purpose**” and is distinct from the regulatory term “**fitness to practise**” which applies to the standard for professional behaviours for all doctors in the United Kingdom.

NHS England must consider any concern raised about a performer, the aims being to protect patients, support professional behaviours by the performer, and improve quality in the delivery of care. If you are contacted by NHS England regarding a concern raised about you, please be aware that we will be keen to seek **your** account, and any relevant reflection or learning that has taken place since.

## Further Information

Please see the [relevant section](#) on our hub (the NHS England South East Professional Standards Online Resource Hub) on the **FutureNHS collaboration platform** for more information.

You can also click the image button below to visit our Online Resource Hub’s homepage.

[You will need to join the **FutureNHS** platform in order to view our Hub. The FutureNHS platform holds a wealth of useful information for those working across the NHS and in other healthcare settings, and is well worth a look].

