

Named Accountable GP

As part of a new contractual requirement for 2015-16, all patients registered at a GP practice are to be allocated a named accountable GP.

What does 'accountable' mean?

The new contract requires the named accountable GP to be responsible for the co-ordination of all appropriate services required under the contract and ensure they are delivered to each of those patients where required, on the patients behalf.

However, this does not mean that they will be the only GP or clinician who will provide care to that patient. This GP may be a partner or a salaried GP.

Will GP practices write to patients to inform them of their named GP?

No. However, practices are required to inform patients of their named GP at the next appropriate interaction.

Can patients choose their own named GP?

In the first instance, patients will simply be allocated a named GP. However, if a patient requests a particular GP, reasonable effort will be made to accommodate their preference.

Do patients have to see their named GP when they book an appointment?

No. Patients can and should feel free to choose to see any GP or nurse in the practice in line with current arrangements. However, if their preferred choice of GP is not available, an alternative will be offered.

All patients registered at Swanlow Medical Centre have a named accountable GP.