

Application to close patient list

Practice:

Please complete the following:

Briefly describe your main reasons for applying to close your practice's register to new registrations:

Our senior Partner, xxxx retires from the practice at the end of June and Dr xxx will be reducing her sessions to 50%. We are struggling to find locums and this is putting patients at risk as we can not provide an adequate service at the moment.

What options have you considered, rejected or implemented to relieve the difficulties you have encountered about your open list and, if any were implemented, what was your success in reducing or erasing such difficulties?

We are actively recruiting a new partner and are still hopeful that we will have this placed filled in the forthcoming months. This closure is to provide some stability to the practice whilst we are recruiting.

Have you had any discussions with your registered patients about your difficulties maintaining an open list and if so, please summarise them, including whether registered patients thought the list of patients should or should not be closed?

We are experiencing patient's complaints about the delays in now trying to book appointments at the practice. The PRG have also discussed this and have asked for us to close the list as they are concerned that the high standard at this practice is slipping due to the amount of patients trying to register here.

Have you spoken with other contractors in the practice area about your difficulties maintaining an open list and if so, please summarise your discussions including whether other contractors thought the list of patients should or should not be closed?

No, however, we have been informed by care homes that we are the only practice in the area that is registering their patients.

How long do you wish your list of patients to be closed? (This period must be more than three months and less than 12 months)

For approximately 3-6 months until we have recruited a new partner

What reasonable support do you consider the AT would be able to offer, which would enable your list of patients to remain open or the period of proposed closure to be minimised?

Unfortunately, there is a lack of GPs and it is increasingly difficult to find locums and new staff.

Do you have any plans to alleviate the difficulties you are experiencing in

maintaining an open list, which you could implement when the list of patients is closed, so that list could reopen at the end of the proposed closure period?

We have just started to actively recruit for this position and will be placing an advert in the BMJ.

Do you have any other information to bring to the attention of the AT about this application?

We are looking to develop the practice so we have more clinical rooms for the future and a larger capacity to hopefully prevent this in the future.

Please note that this application does not concert any obligation on the NHS England to agree to this request

To be signed by all parties to the contract (where this is reasonably achievable):

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