

OUT OF AREA REGISTRATION

Please note: we cannot accept online registrations for Out of Area patients.

The new arrangements introduced in January 2015 give people greater choice when registering with a GP practice. Patients may approach any GP practice, even if they live outside the practice area (to see if they will be accepted on to the patient list). The new arrangements mean GP practices now have the option to register patients who live outside the practice area without any obligation to provide home visits. Out of area registration is voluntary for GP practices meaning patients can be refused on the basis of their address.

The Three Spires Medical Practice will consider your application and will register you without home visits if it is clinically appropriate and practical in your individual case.

To do this we will:

- Ask you to complete an out of area registration form. Please complete this as fully as possible.
- Ask you to make an appointment with a GP to access the application

If accepted you will attend the practice and receive the full range of services provided as normal at the surgery. If you have an urgent care need and the surgery cannot help you at home, we may ask you to call NHS 111 and they will put you in touch with a local service. (This may be a face to face with a local healthcare professional or a home visit where necessary).

We may decide that it is not in your best interests or practical for you to be registered in this way and may not register you, but advise you should seek to register (or remain registered) with a more local practice.

If accepted and your health needs change, we may review your registration to see if it would be more appropriate for you to be registered with a GP practice closer to your home.

This new arrangement only applies to GP practices and patients who live in England.

For further information visit the NHS Choices website (www.nhs.uk)