



Specification for a Locally Enhanced Service for Secondary Care Initiated Phlebotomy from 1st January 2023

1. Introduction

All practices are expected to provide essential services and those additional services they are contracted to provide to all their patients under the GMS contract. The specification of this service therefore outlines the general and more specialised service to be provided that is beyond the scope of essential services. No part of the specification by commission, omission or implication defines or redefines essential or additional services.

This Local Enhanced Service is being commissioned to reflect the workload involved in delivery of, phlebotomy tests which have been specifically requested by a secondary or tertiary provider of care.

2. Eligibility Criteria

All practices commissioned to provide General Medical Services by Hywel Dda University Health Board are invited to sign up this Local Enhanced Service for the provision of a local phlebotomy service..

Practices seeking to withdraw from this LES should give the Health Board NO LESS than three months notice in writing.

3. Service Description

The provision of phlebotomy to support the work of secondary and tertiary care is key to the ongoing management of patients. Historically this service has been provided in a range of models across Hywel dda – HB clinics, outreach, practice funded phlebotomists, community staff etc. The Covid 19 pandemic increased the demand for local phlebotomy and has highlighted the need to develop a more sustainable model of provision. The proposed service is aligned with the HB aims of providing services closer to the patient.

This service will commission participating practices to provide a phlebotomy service in response to requests for blood tests from secondary and tertiary care. The requesting clinician must provide the request documentation which the patient will present to the phlebotomist – this will ensure that the test result returns to the requesting clinician. It is not anticipated that practices will transfer requests contained in discharge summaries, letters etc into test requests. Where the test requests are not provided by secondary care, the practice should contact the consultant concerned using an appropriate communication mechanism. (see Appendix A)

The remit of this service includes requests for new / additional testing and the repeating of tests including (but not limited to) the following :

- a. following inpatient discharge e.g. repeat U&E in 2 weeks etc
- b. blood tests following outpatient/clinic appointments, visits to AMU and A&E consultations,

- c. blood tests in preparation for inpatient or outpatient consultations etc.

This service does not include the monitoring of patients under the near patient testing, Anticoagulation or DOAC Enhanced services. There is a requirement that all phlebotomy activity relating to secondary or tertiary care requests is undertaken and recorded in the patient's lifelong record using the READ code: 9N7D (phlebotomy generated from secondary care done by practice)

It is also the responsibility of the person requesting the test to convey the result to the patient, practice should advise the patient to contact the consultant/speciality for the result. A draft information leaflet is attached as Appendix B.

4. Accreditation

A practice may be accepted for the provision of this enhanced service if it has a partner or partners, employee or sub-contractor, who has the necessary skills and experience to carry out the contracted procedures.

5. Funding

For payment to be made, claims for delivering this service must be submitted within 6 calendar months of the activity being undertaken.

Practices will be remunerated at [REDACTED] for each bleed performed as requested.

E.mail message

Patients name

This patient attended the practice for a blood test requested by your department, unfortunately no request documentation has been forwarded to the practice for this test and we have been unable to provide the blood test requested.

Please forward the appropriate request test documentation to be forwarded to the practice or make arrangements for your staff to undertake the required tests.

Kind Regards

.....Medical Practice

Today we have taken a blood test as requested by your consultant, the result of this blood test will go to the consultant and **not** the GP practice, therefore you should contact the consultant for your result.



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Intent to deliver a Local Enhanced Service For Secondary Care Initiated Phlebotomy from 1st January 2023

Name of GP Practice:	
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Lead GP for this service

Title	Dr		
Surname		Forename(s)	

Please tick below if applicable:

Confirmation to sign up to deliver the Secondary Care Initiated Phlebotomy LES for the above practice.	
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We declare that we:

- We will deliver the Local Enhanced Service for Secondary Care Initiated Phlebotomy from 1st January 2023.
- We have read and will meet the requirements for service delivery under the LES service specification;
- We will claim the appropriate payment for the Local Enhanced Service Secondary Care Initiated Phlebotomy from NWSSP via the FPPS claiming system.

Title, Signature & Date _____

Practice stamp

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