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# Specification for a local enhanced service for Musculoskeletal Steroid injection Consultations

Inter-practice referral information.

## Introduction

A significant number of patients are referred to Secondary Care for musculoskeletal steroid injections that could be undertaken under the Minor Surgery Direct Enhanced Service (DES) in Primary Care. As part of the redesign of musculoskeletal services, practices are being encouraged to undertake joint injections in Primary Care where possible. To increase the availability of this service, training days for joint injections will be organised (on demand) and practices have been reminded that, under the minor surgery enhanced service, practices are able to refer to each other for this procedure.

If you wish to enroll onto a training course, please contact the named individual below who will be able to communicate upcoming dates & locations.

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## Aim of this LES

To ensure that GP Surgeries who receive referrals from other practices are able to receive a payment for any consultations that **do not** result in a joint injection being given. (Note that patients who do receive an injection are covered by the minor surgery DES).

## Service Outline

* Practices who agree to accept referrals from other practices for joint injections are eligible to take part in this LES.
* **Referrals to be received electronically between practices.**
* Patient to be given ‘temporary resident status’.
* The payment associated with this LES only applies where a patient from another practice receives a consultation for a joint injection but no injection is deemed necessary.
* The LES payments will only apply to patients who are not registered with the practice.
* The practice should report any activity on the quarterly KCCG monitoring returns. Payment will be in arrears.

Eligibility to provide the service

To be eligible for this service the practice must comply with the requirements set out in the Minor Surgery DES specification

## Audit arrangements

The practice will provide the KCCG with a yearly audit, detailing the number of patients attending for the consultation and the outcomes

## Cost

£43.47 per consultation

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