

Parachute Locum Nurse Service

Are you a GP practice in need of nursing cover?

The service is designed to offer nursing support to GP practices in Gloucestershire, by providing cover for sudden/unexpected staff shortages.

How does it work?

- Fill in a [request form](#) & send to GDOC@nhs.net
- If the Parachute Nurse criteria are met, the request will be approved, and the clinic days/times will be advertised on rotacloud for nurses to claim.
- When a nurse has claimed a clinic/s at your practice G DOC put you in touch to confirm times etc.
- Funding for up to 6 weeks help is covered by the ICB; longer requests may be considered dependent on the circumstances. Note. This is not a guaranteed service, even if you meet the criteria, it still requires a nurse to claim the shifts required.

If you would like more information or to express your interest in requesting help from the service, please email clare.morris3@nhs.net (service lead).

G DOC Parachute Nurse Inclusion criteria for full funding (up to 6 weeks):

- Sudden/unexpected staff sickness (Nurse)
- Life limiting diagnosis.
- Bereavement leave
- Maternity related sickness leave
- Jury service requests
- Emergency/short notice cover due to unplanned gaps due to dismissal, suspension, or similar situation.
- To cope with an unplanned ICB recognised surge in demand due to an unexpected health event – examples could include: resurgence of COVID / need for vaccinations, a localised outbreak (such as Strep A), or similar health related sudden increase in demand.



Please note that this list is not exhaustive, each case will be assessed on an individual basis. If you feel your surgery may qualify for the service, please complete the [request form](#) or email clare.morris3@nhs.net (service lead).

ICB funding for Parachute Nursing will **NOT** be granted for the following:

- Cover for annual leave
- Cover for planned sick leave e.g., elective surgery
- Long term unplanned sick leave, after the first 6 weeks
- Maternity cover
- Cover for QOF/Enhanced Service activity clinics
- Vacancy management for known nurse unfilled posts
- Planned study leave cover

In the above circumstances, help could still be provided by a G DOC Parachute Nurse, but the practice will be required to fund the nurse cover. Please apply on the same form.