

Linden Medical Group

Named GP for Over 75's, what does it mean?

Patients over 75's will be receiving notification from the Practice of who their named GP is.

What are the responsibilities of the named GP?

The responsibilities of the named GP are to:

- Take lead responsibility for ensuring that all appropriate services required under the contract with the practice are delivered to the patient
- Where required, based on the professional judgement of the named GP, work with relevant associated health and social care professionals to deliver a multidisciplinary care package that meets the needs of the patient
- Ensure that the physical and psychological needs of the patient are recognised and responded to by the relevant clinicians in the practice
- Ensure that the patient has access to a health check if requested.
- This is largely a role of oversight, with the requirements being introduced to reassure patients over 75 that they have one GP within the practice who is responsible for ensuring that this work is carried out on their behalf.

Does the requirement mean 24-hour responsibility for patients aged 75 and over?

No. The named GP will not:

- Take on vicarious responsibility for the work of other doctors or health professionals.
- Take on 24-hour responsibility for the patient, or have to change their working hours. There will not be personal availability of the GP through-out the working week.
- Be the only GP or clinician who will provide care to that patient. You may still be seen by any clinician at the Practice as appropriate.

If you have any questions relating to this initiative please ask at Reception.