

**Dudley Clinical
Commissioning Group**

4th Floor, St John's House
Union Street
Dudley
DY2 8PP

Direct Tel: 01384 321748
Direct Fax: 01384 366482
Nighat.hussain@dudley.nhs.uk

25 October 2011

Dear Colleague

RE: Minor Surgery LES

Thank you for taking the time to read this letter. I would just like to clarify a few issues surrounding the locally enhanced minor surgery service (MS LES).

All GP practices in Dudley may provide this MS LES, if they wish both for their patients and other GP practices on the proviso they meet the service specifications standards.

An up to date list of all practices and the services offered by the Centralised GP service is attached to this e-mail, you may refer to whom ever you choose from this list. If you have any further queries regarding how to sign up to the MS LES, please feel free to contact Nighat Hussain (Nighat.Hussain@Dudley.nhs.uk).

The service is valuable to us in Primary Care for several reasons; it allows us to repatriate services into primary care; it provides a significant cost saving compared to hospital care i.e. single hospital outpatients for General Surgery is £200 and £143 for Orthopaedics. Removal of the given minor surgery procedures varies from £243- £1,258 compared to removal of cyst in primary care £120 and injection for £60, with no increased complication risk and nearer to home for the patients. It also sends a clear signal to our secondary care providers that we are willing and able to move services wherever and whenever clinically appropriate, which is helpful in negotiations with them.

I hope this makes sense and will encourage you to find out about and use the services whenever appropriate.

Thanks again.



Dr Steve Mann
Clinical Lead for Planned Care



Dr Richard Ghee
GP Engagement Lead

