

Locally Enhanced Service for Home Birth Support

Reference: LES 19

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1. Financial Details

This agreement is to cover the period between 1st April 2009 and 31st March 2010. The service agreement covers general practitioners who, as individual clinicians, provide support for home births in the following category:

- Neo-Natal Examinations

On agreeing to participate the providers will receive a fee per item of £72.24 for examinations. Activity will be paid for on an item per service basis, a month in arrears. Activity should be notified via the PCT Public Health Directorate.

Where other support services for home births are provided by individual GPs, then the PCT should be notified. This will allow the PCT to consider the existing contractual arrangements and, if proven, to amend the specification in-year to include other such GP support functions and to agree a unit price per item.

The specification will expire on 31st March 2010

2. Service Aims

Introduction

All practices are expected to provide essential and those additional services they are contracted to provide to all their patients. This enhanced service specification outlines the more specialised services to be provided. The specification of this service is designed to cover the enhanced aspects of clinical care of the patient, all of which are beyond the scope of essential services. No part of the specification by commission, omission or implication defines or redefines essential or additional services.

Definition of Service Provided

This specification sets out a Local Enhanced Service (LES) for Home Birth Support from General Practitioners, specifically in providing the neo-natal examination within twenty-four hours of the birth.

In the delivery of any service commissioned by the PCT, The Provider must show awareness and be responsive to the needs of underserved groups who will access the service.

Aims of the Service

To provide the neo-natal examination for babies delivered at home by the community midwifery team.

Eligibility Criteria

Any woman registered with a participating Barking and Dagenham general practice and undergoing a home delivery.

3. Service Criteria

Criteria 1

To provide a neo-natal examination within twenty-four hours of request from the lead midwife providing the home delivery care.

Criteria 2

To work with local midwives who would be the principal carers at delivery and to explicitly available to provide the home birth support specified.

4. Ongoing Monitoring and Evaluation

The PCT will need to monitor/evaluate the process to ensure that there are sufficient GPs available to provide the service, and that they are able to respond to requests by midwives for the examination.

Practices offering this service will need to verify with the PCT dates of the examination.

5. Signature Sheet

This document constitutes the agreement between the practice and the PCT in regards to this nationally directed enhanced service.

Practice Stamp

Signature on behalf of the Practice:

Signature	Name	Date

Signature on behalf of the PCT:

Signature	Name	Date