

## Dear Prospective Patient

### OUT OF AREA REGISTRATION (without home visits)

#### Information for consideration prior to registration.

You have requested to register with our Practice as an 'Out of Area' patient. You live outside the practice boundary (catchment area) and we want to make you aware of what this means for you under this type of registration.

We may decide that it is not in your best interests or practical for you to be registered.

Please read the details below and give careful consideration to your request to register with our Practice. An important consideration you should make is that we are not required to provide you with a home visit.

You may on occasion, develop an urgent illness or injury at home that means attending our Practice would not be possible.

If you have an urgent care need we will ask you to call NHS 111 and they will put you in touch with a local service (this may be a face to face appointment with a local healthcare professional or a home visit where necessary).

In these circumstances NHS 111 will direct you to the local service that has been established by NHS England for patients such as you. This local service could be a GP practice near to where you live, the local walk-in or urgent care centre, A&E or minor injuries unit.

If this is in the out-of-hours period when GP surgeries are normally closed – between 6:30pm and 8:00am weekdays, bank holidays or weekends – NHS 111 will direct you to the local out-of-hours provider.

If your application is considered the practice will only register you without home visits **if it is clinically appropriate and practical in your individual case**. To do this we may:

- Ask you or the practice you are currently registered with questions about your health to help decide whether to register you in this way
- Ask you questions about why it is practical for you to attend this practice (for example, how many days during the week you would normally be able to attend)

If accepted, you will attend the Practice and receive the full range of services provided as normal other than home visits, you may not be able to access other certain services also such as

- **District Nurse Services**
- **Mental Health Services**
- **Social Care Services**
- **Health Visiting Services**

Also, if you are an out of area patient we will review your medical notes on a 3 monthly basis to ensure we are providing a safe clinical service that is tailored to your needs. If we feel that we cannot meet your health needs we will ask you to register at a GP closer to your home address and we will remove you from our list.

Yours sincerely  
Swiss Cottage Surgery

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I agree and understand the terms of registering as an 'Out of Area Patient' with Swiss Cottage Surgery.

I give permission for Swiss Cottage Surgery to contact my current or last General Practice for relevant information relating to this request to register with the Practice.

**Signed:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Print Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

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It is appropriate / not appropriate (delete as necessary) for this patient to be registered as an out of area patient with Swiss Cottage Surgery

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Dr \_\_\_\_\_

(Official use: Give patient and copy to be retained by Practice)