

# Physician Associates in General Practice

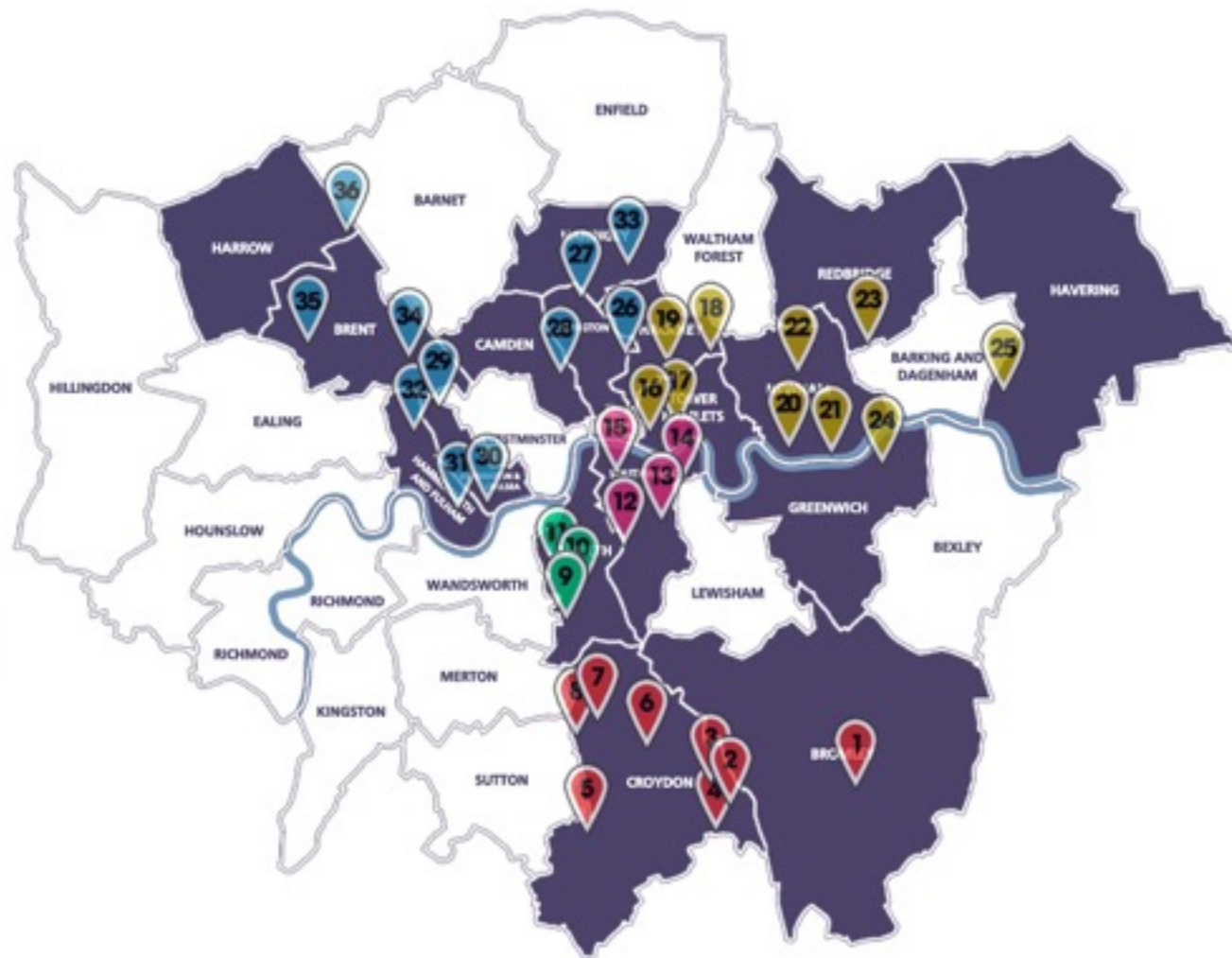
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# London's largest Primary Care provider



Postgrad Training Sites (16) ◆  
Undergrad Training Sites (24) ◆

- NHS Bromley CCG**
- 1. Bank House Surgery ◆
- NHS Croydon CCG**
- 2. Headley Drive Surgery ◆
- 3. Fieldway Medical Centre ◆
- 4. Parkway Health Centre & GP Hub ◆
- 5. Pufley GP Hub ◆
- 6. Central Croydon GP Hub ◆
- 7. Thornton Road Surgery ◆
- 8. Valley Park Surgery ◆
- NHS Lambeth CCG**
- 9. Streatham High Practice & GP Hub ◆
- 10. Edith Cavell Surgery ◆
- 11. Streatham Place Surgery ◆
- NHS Southwark CCG**
- 12. Hamblenden Clinic ◆
- 13. Queens Road Surgery ◆
- 14. Silverlock Medical Centre ◆
- 15. Falmouth Road Group Practice ◆
- NHS Tower Hamlets CCG**
- 16. Portsoken Health Centre ◆
- 17. Whitechapel Health Centre ◆
- NHS City & Hackney CCG**
- 18. Trowbridge Surgery ◆
- 19. The Greenhouse ◆
- NHS Newham CCG**
- 20. Albert Road Surgery ◆
- 21. Britannia Village Surgery ◆
- 22. Lucas Avenue Practice ◆
- NHS Redbridge CCG**
- 23. The Loddford Practice ◆
- NHS Greenwich CCG**
- 24. Thamesmead Health Centre ◆
- NHS Havering CCG**
- 25. Orchard Village Practice ◆
- NHS Islington CCG**
- 26. Mitchson Road Surgery ◆
- 27. Hanley Primary Care Centre ◆
- NHS Camden CCG**
- 28. Kings Cross Surgery ◆
- NHS West London CCG**
- 29. Barby Surgery ◆
- 30. Kings Road Medical Centre ◆
- NHS Hammersmith & Fulham CCG**
- 31. Cassidy Medical Centre ◆
- 32. Canberra Old Oak Surgery ◆
- NHS Haringey CCG**
- 33. St. Ann's Road Surgery ◆
- NHS Brent CCG**
- 34. Burnley Medical Practice ◆
- 35. The Wembley Practice ◆
- NHS Harrow CCG**
- 36. Mollison Way Surgery ◆



# Our Multidisciplinary Team



## Our Clinical Team

**Our clinical team are multidisciplinary - this means we have a range of highly skilled and qualified clinicians working together with our GPs to deliver high quality support for you, our patients and carers.**

When you have a face-to-face or telephone appointment, this may be with one of these clinicians. If you have an urgent problem that needs to be seen on the same day, we will aim to offer you a same-day appointment with an appropriate clinician, please be prepared to advise our admin team about your issue to help us in helping you, thank you.

### Practice Pharmacist



Minor illnesses  
Medication Reviews  
Long-Term Condition Support  
Prescribing Medication  
Vaccinations

### Physician Associate (PA)



Assessment & Management  
Minor illnesses  
Long-Term Condition Support  
Vaccinations  
Home Visits

### Practice Nurse



Smear Tests  
Childhood Immunisation  
Travel Vaccinations  
Dressings

### Healthcare Assistant



Taking Blood  
Vaccinations  
BP Checks  
Health Checks  
Foot Checks, ECG & Spirometry

### Nurse Practitioner



Medical Assessment & Management  
Long-Term Condition Support  
Home Visits

### General Practitioner (GP)



Medical Assessment & Management  
Long-Term Condition Support  
Home Visits

Supporting General Practice resilience, with bespoke GP-led training.  
Offering patients choice and enhanced access.

# Who are Physician Associates?

- Collaborative healthcare professionals with a generalist medical education
- Work alongside doctors and provide medical care
- Dependent practitioners, but are able to work autonomously with appropriate support

# What can PAs do?

## PAs practice medicine

- Take Histories
- Perform Physical Examinations
- Formulate Differential Diagnosis
- Create Management Plans
- Request Investigations\* and Action Results
- Refer Patients

# Limitations

## Lack of Legislation, not lack of Education

- Prescribing
- Ionising Radiation
  
- Both of these require **Parliamentary Action**

# PA in General Practice

- Additional pool of professionals to help GP meet demands
- Sees full range of patient population
- Increases access to care for patients
- Allows GPs more time for the most complex patients
- Contributes towards what needs doing (QOF, Audits, Out of Hospital Services, Care planning)

# My Experience...

- Continuity of care- positive feedback from patients in PPG meetings and NHS website
- First Port of call for wider GP team
- Chronic disease management
- Safety monitoring
- Lead for Care planning



# Supervision / Support

- **Supervision required** , but based on the experience of the PA
  - **NEW GRADUATES**
    - Needs readily available supervision
    - Regular and frequent questions; Regular and frequent review
  - **EXPERIENCED GP PAs**
    - Regular review (? Quarterly)
- PAs are dependant clinicians - with autonomy
- Autonomy based on each PA's experience
- Named supervisor in contract; actual supervision from any qualified GP

# Post-Qualification Education

- CPD (50hrs/year)
  - 25 hours Type 1 + 25 hours Type 2
- Re-certification Exam - 6 yearly
  - REQUIRED to remain on the FPA's PA Managed Voluntary Register
- Procedure Courses
  - Minor Ops, Contraceptive Devices

# Patient Experience

I'm extremely satisfied with the service and commitment from the Physician Associate from the start of me being ill. They have been extremely helpful, empathetic and patient with me. I would like to thank them for the support and help they gave me.

# Thank You

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