

Becoming a UK visa sponsoring practice

In Lancashire and South Cumbria, we currently have very few practices signed up to be a UK Visa Sponsoring Practice and we would like to support a stronger uptake from yourselves with the hope you will be able to expand your workforce with access to a wider talent pool, with up to one in three ST3s qualifying this year requiring visa sponsorship and GP practices can follow a straightforward process to become a sponsor.

We believe if we have more practices that are eligible to employ non-EEA doctors then L&SC becomes a more attractive place to work and offers more choice to those overseas GPs looking to settle in L&SC.

Please see below for more info and the link to the Home Office's information Webinar on how to become a UK Visa Sponsoring Practice, we are encouraging attendance of this meeting and would like to extend the offer of support from NHSEI in carrying out the next steps to becoming a visa sponsoring practice so please feel free to get in touch.

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Gaining the right to be a UK visa sponsoring practice has many advantages and could form an important part of your general practice workforce planning. You need a sponsorship licence to employ someone to work for you from outside the UK. As the number of international medical graduates undertaking GP training in England continues to increase, with around 700 due to qualify in 2021 alone (around one in three) and higher proportions in years to come, there is a greater chance that you will need a sponsorship licence to give you the broadest choice of UK trained GP candidates.

The Home Office is running a webinar which will provide a step-by-step guide on visa sponsorship on 15 June at 5pm. [To attend, please register online.](#)

Many Thanks,

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