

What's a locum?

Part of the NASGP Locum Toolkit



Locum GPs are fully qualified general practitioners who work on a freelance basis.

Did you know?

- Locum GPs have exactly the same training as any other GP.
- Like all other GPs, locums also have to take part in an identical annual appraisal process to make sure they're keeping up-to-date and working to a certain standard.
- Some work in more than 40 different GP practices in a year.

No long-term relationship, but they may bring other benefits.

- An opportunity for a different opinion.
- A different way of helping you understand aspects of your care.
- Wide experience brought about from working in many different practices.
- An opportunity to talk about an embarrassing or sensitive problem that you'd rather not mention to your usual GP.

How to get the most out of the GP you're seeing today.

- If you have more than one problem to ask the GP about, please mention them all at the beginning and expect to be asked to book another appointment to discuss the others that weren't identified as the top priority.
- Mention all medications that you've been prescribed by others outside this practice, or that you've bought over the counter.
- For the problem you're discussing today, it helps to write things down in case you forget during the appointment.

All GPs thrive on feedback from patients. Please pass on any feedback to the receptionists before you go, or you can phone the practice to discuss your feedback in confidence.