

GP Surgery Reform Bill 2015

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Open GP Surgeries 7 days a week

BE IT ENACTED by The Queen's most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Commons in this present Parliament assembled, in accordance with the provisions of the Parliament Acts 1911 and 1949, and by the authority of the same, as follows:—

Part I

Definitions

- 1) A GP surgery is defined as; a place where you can go to ask advice from or receive treatment from a GP (General Practitioner).
- 2) A Bursary is defined as; an annual payment awarded to assist with day to day living costs whilst you are studying.
- 3) A CCG is defined as; a Clinical Commissioning Group, a group that manages the health budget in a region.
- 4) All day is defined as; 8am-7pm.
- 5) Every day is defined as; Monday-Sunday.

Part II

Opening GP surgeries 7 days a week

- 1) By the start of 2016, within a 20 mile radius of any GP surgery, at least one GP surgery must be open to care for the public all day, every day.
- 2) By the start of 2018, within a 15 mile radius of any GP surgery, at least one GP surgery must be open to care for the public all day, every day.
- 3) By the start of 2020, within a 10 mile radius of any GP surgery, at least one GP surgery must be open to care for the public all day, every day.
- 4) As of the start of 2016, no specific GP surgery will be required to be open all day every day unless there is not another GP surgery within 20 miles.
- 5) As of the start of 2018, no specific GP surgery will be required to be open all day every day unless there is not another GP surgery within 15 miles.
- 6) As of the start of 2020, no specific GP surgery will be required to be open from all day every day unless there is not another GP surgery within 10 miles.
- 7) CCG's will create GP networks in the milage areas above to ensure one is always open.

Part III

Recruiting New Staff

- 1) To ensure there are always GPs to employ, Medical Bursaries will be increased to those aiming to become GPs.
- 2) Students of the graduate-entry accelerated medical or dental programme will get £4000 of their tuition costs paid with an NHS bursary in years 2 to 4 of your programme.
- 3) Those studying to become a doctor or dentist, can apply for an NHS bursary from their second year for graduate entry programmes or from their fifth year for undergraduate programmes. The amount they will get will depend on household income. The maximum amount is £6,500.
 - a) If the student has a household income of over or equal to £40,000 each year you will be ineligible for a bursary.
 - b) If their household income is below or equal to £20,000 you will be eligible for a full bursary.
 - c) The minimum bursary will be given to those with a household income of nearly £40,00.
 - d) The maximum bursary will be given to those with a household income of £20,000 or less.
 - e) A bursary of £5,000 will be given to students with a household income between £20,000 and £25,000.
 - f) A bursary of £3,500 will be given to students with a household income between £25,000 and £30,000.
 - g) A bursary of £2,000 will be given to students with a household income between £30,000 and £35,000.
 - h) A bursary of £500 will be given to students with a household income between £35,000 and £40,000.
 - i) Those with a household income of £40,000 or more will not be eligible for a bursary.
- 4) The NHS bursary is paid into your bank account in 12 equal monthly instalments.
- 5) This will cost approximately £1 million more per year, with expected rises.

Part IV

Costings

- 1) £400 million will be allocated to the Department of Health to ensure all GP surgeries are open all day every day from 2020.
- 2) This money will pay for the new bursaries.
- 3) This money will also pay for any new staff GP surgeries need to hire to stay open all day every day.

Part V

Short title, Commencement and Extent

- 1) This Bill may be cited as the GP Surgery Reform Bill 2015.
- 2) This provisions of this Bill come into force one month from the passing of this Bill.
- 3) This Bill extends to the entirety of the United Kingdom.