

LMC proposal for an Extended Hours LES

Paul Roblin plans to modify the DES when it finally appears to define a possible LES which would be more attractive to both practices and PCTs

PCT expenditure on Extended Hours might then be affordable and give better (targeted) value for money.

Practices are more likely to help PCTs achieve their target of 50% extended hours if the hours are scheduled sensibly and are deliverable

The key features of the modifications would be

- Each practice agrees with its PCT what extended hours it should and can provide for its individual patient population
- Practices would offer the PCT a schedule of Extended Hours which might be modified by the PCT before acceptance (eg PCT might negotiate changes to the total weekly clinician hours and their distribution).
- By agreement Blocks of Extended Hours could be of any length.
- Clinician Concurrence would be allowed
- Under the DES, the weekly hours expected for payment of £2.95 per patient per annum are 0.5h per thousand patients
- Under the LES, the weekly total clinician hours agreed would be paid pro-rata using the formula in the bullet above.

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