# Why we are writing to you

The BSO is reviewing entitlement to access GP services for visitors.

According to our records you are currently registered with a GP in Northern Ireland. The date of departure from Northern Ireland that you provided at the point of registration has passed. To determine if you are entitled we require information from you.

# What you need to do now

Please select one of the following statements which best describes your circumstances.
I have renewed my Visitor Visa with the Home Office and paid the Immigration Surcharge and hold a valid BRP, <b>or</b>
I can provide a Share Code to check my current immigration status, <b>or</b>
I have a letter from the Home Office confirming my immigration status, <b>or</b>
I am a British/Irish national staying in Northern Ireland and wish to use an exemption under the visitor rules to continue accessing health care in NI, <b>or</b>
I am a British/Irish national and have taken up permanent residency in Northern Ireland.
You can respond by taking a picture of this letter and your supporting document(s) and e-mail to <a href="mailto:ATR.BSO@hscni.net">ATR.BSO@hscni.net</a>
or

Returning this letter and supporting document(s) to <u>ATR, General Medical Services</u>, <u>2 Franklin</u> <u>Street</u>, <u>Belfast</u>, <u>BT2 8DQ</u>

For information on the supporting documents you can provide, please see our Patient Guide to Entitlement and Lawfulness on our website at:

https://bso.hscni.net/directorates/operations/family-practitioner-services/medical-services/patient-information/

# Only send copy documents

The BSO do not accept responsibility for the loss or return of original or copy documents.

#### Please respond within 60 days from the date of this letter.

# What happens if I don't respond

We will assume that you no longer require access to the health service in Northern Ireland and your name will be removed from the GP practice list.

Even if you have paid the Immigration Health Surcharge, you must respond in writing to this letter to ensure your name is not removed from the GP list.

Yours,

General Medical Services Business Services Organisation

Tel: 028 9536 0333 and select option 4 (interpreters can be arranged if required)

Email: ATR.BSO@hscni.net

Text Relay: Dial prefix 18001 followed by 028 9536 0333 from a Text Phone

We use the Big Word, if you require interpreter services. Please contact us to arrange an interpreter call, using one of the methods above, if required.

# **Assistance with Translation**

This letter can be accessed using the QR code below, where you can translate the information into your first language.



If you reside in the **Newry, Mourne and Down Council Area** you can obtain assistance to complete this form by contacting one of the Newry, Mourne & Down Ethnic Minority Support Centres.

Email: ethnicsupport@nmandd.org Tel: 07837 406859

If you reside the **South Eastern Trust of Belfast area** you can obtain assistance to complete this form by contacting Monika at North Down YMCA.

Email <u>monika@northdownymca.org</u> Tel: 07591 840529

If you reside in **Armagh City, Banbridge & Craigavon area** you can you can obtain assistance to complete this form by contacting Community Intercultural Programme.

Contact <a href="https://www.communityni.org/organisation/community-intercultural-programme">https://www.communityni.org/organisation/community-intercultural-programme</a>

Telephone:028 3839 3372

If you reside in the Mid-Ulster area you can you can obtain assistance to complete this form by contacting Step NI.

Email: advice@stepni.org Tel: 028 8775 0211