

Promoting the GP Retention Scheme in 2021

Guidance for GP employers in Kent, Surrey, and Sussex

There is increasing interest in the GP Retention Scheme from GP employers. The following guidance sets out what we encourage GP employers to consider when promoting the Scheme in Kent, Surrey, and Sussex.

Please feel free to:

- Review the obligations for employers of Retained GPs as set out in Section 7.2 of the Scheme Guidance: <https://www.england.nhs.uk/wp-content/uploads/2019/03/gp-retention-scheme-guidance-v5.pdf>;
- Review the Scheme's frequently asked questions: <https://www.england.nhs.uk/wp-content/uploads/2019/03/gp-retention-scheme-faqs-v5.pdf>
- Promote links to our local webpage: <https://kss.hee.nhs.uk/primary-care/the-gp-retention-scheme/> and the Scheme's national website: <https://www.england.nhs.uk/gp/the-best-place-to-work/retaining-the-current-medical-workforce/retained-doctors/>;
- Promote communications to let GPs know that you would support their applications to the Scheme;
- Let your existing GP employees know that you would support their applications to the Scheme;
- Explain how you do/would support the Scheme.

Please be aware:

- Approvals are made by the GP Retention Scheme Lead based on national eligibility criteria as detailed here: <https://www.england.nhs.uk/gp/the-best-place-to-work/retaining-the-current-medical-workforce/retained-doctors/who-is-eligible/>;
- Our team process applications and renewals as quickly as possible. However, they can take up to a maximum of 8 weeks to process if forms are incomplete, or additional information or clarification is needed.