

# PRIMARY CARE CONTRACTOR ORGANISATION

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**For the attention of the Practice Manager  
To all GPs on NHS Lothian's Performers List**

Dear Doctor(s)

## **GP ENHANCED SERVICE PROGRAMME 2008/09 - ALCOHOL BRIEF INTERVENTIONS**

Please find attached the contract documentation relating to the local enhanced service for Alcohol Brief Interventions (BI).

This service is being funded as part of the Board Public Health revenue allocation for 2008-2011 and the GP enhanced service is intended to support the delivery of Alcohol BIs in line with SIGN guideline 74, in order to meet the HEAT targets for NHS Lothian set by Scottish Government. Please note that the contract specification has been endorsed by Lothian LMC.

The Alcohol BI enhanced service aims to improve the identification of patients with harmful and hazardous drinking patterns presenting to general practice. Practices electing to participate in the service will be required to opportunistically screen defined at risk patients during routine consultations and deliver Alcohol BIs as appropriate.

Contract delivery will be supported by a dedicated IT care management screen for data recording/monitoring purposes (EScro software), together with a Lothian-wide training programme for practice teams and individual clinicians. Full details of the training options will be advised separately by the Lothian Health Promotion Service team.

EScro software is currently being developed by Albasoft Clinical Software Solutions to support data recording and payment information for the Alcohol BI service. Software distribution will be via a CD-rom issued by Albasoft to each practice electing to participate in the enhanced service. Full installation / helpdesk support will be available from Albasoft.

Please note that as funding for this contract is based on the Board allocation to deliver the specific number Alcohol BIs required to be achieved under the HEAT targets, practice activity will need to be closely monitored during the first 6 months of the implementation phase. This contract is initially offered to cover the 18 month period 01 Oct 2008 - 31 Mar 2010, but will be subject to review in terms of overall activity at 31 Mar 2009.

For information, the Board activity targets over the initial 18 month period of the contract are 2,500 Alcohol BIs in 2008/09 and 9,438 in 2009/10. For a practice with average list size in Lothian (c6800) the target activity equates to approximately 95 Alcohol BIs over 18 months or 5 per month. Projected activity for your practice will be based on this calculation.

**Kindly reply by email as soon as possible to let us know whether your practice intends to participate in the Alcohol BI enhanced service to:**

[jacqueline.keogh@nhslothian.scot.nhs.uk](mailto:jacqueline.keogh@nhslothian.scot.nhs.uk)

Practices wishing to contract for the service should then complete and return a signed copy of the contract by internal mail to:

Jacqueline Keogh  
Primary Care Contracts Team  
3rd Floor, Stevenson House  
555 Gorgie Road, Edinburgh  
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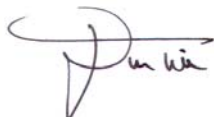
A copy of the contract approved by the PCCO will be returned to you for records.

Please do not hesitate to contact either myself or Steve Faulkner if you have any specific queries or would like further information on the Alcohol BI enhanced service.

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Yours sincerely,



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*Attached: GP LES contract - Alcohol BIs*

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Lothian LMC GP subcommittee