



## **Overseas Visitors – Who Should be Treated?**

**Contracts and Regulations**

The LMC has recently become aware of new information in respect of registration for NHS services for non-British people.

Many practices have interpreted the DOH document on registering non-British people who are “ordinarily resident” for 6 months, as meaning they can register after they have been resident for 6 months.

There has recently been an amendment to the wording of the procedure to:

*“normally resident for 6 months, but DO NOT HAVE to have resided here for 6 months first”.*

The implications for this are significant. Practices are receiving applications from citizens of non-EU countries who state that they will be normally resident for 6 months. Now anyone can state they will be “normally resident” and practices should accept their word.

This probably makes it easier for non-EU citizens to arrive in the UK and use the NHS for treatment for pre-existing conditions.

Full information can be found at this web link.

[http://www.ganfyd.org/index.php?title=Eligibility\\_for\\_NHS\\_primary\\_care#How\\_to\\_decide\\_if\\_somebody\\_is\\_eligible\\_for\\_NHS\\_treatment](http://www.ganfyd.org/index.php?title=Eligibility_for_NHS_primary_care#How_to_decide_if_somebody_is_eligible_for_NHS_treatment)

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