Patient requested by practice to register elsewhere as out of practice area which they have done.

Patient has now come in and requested whether they can register again?

Scenario 1

Can the patient be registered as a 'normal NHS patient'?

Yes – this is down to the discretion of the practice

It is also worth noting that if a patient requests 4 or more consultations (telephone/skype) or 2 or more home visits within a 12 month period the patient will need to be assessed as to the appropriateness of their registration.

Scenario 2

Can the practice refuse and not register the patient?

Yes – as stated above you are able to refuse on grounds that they are out of your practice boundary Scenario 3

Can the patient be registered as an Out of Area Patient?

This will need to be assessed on an individual basis asking is it clinically & practically appropriate for the patient to be registered in this way

You will need to consider:

Does the patient have clinical conditions (complex long term conditions) or care needs which without the ability to do home visits compromises clinical care?

If the answer is yes then it would not be appropriate to register as an Out of Area Patient

If the answer is no:

the practice may want to discuss with the patient this type of registration making it clear the implications of this