



Information Update: Maternity locum reimbursement scheme

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Following intervention from Derby & Derbyshire LMC, the NHSE Area Team have now confirmed that **they will reimburse practices for concurrent locum sessions** claimed by practices under the Maternity Locum Reimbursement Scheme providing the claim meets the other criteria under the scheme, including the maximum number of sessions claimed.

This clarification was sought as the NHSE Area Team had originally dismissed a claim to pay a practice for two locums who covered a concurrent session. The GP on maternity leave worked 6 sessions per week and the practice were only claiming for a total of 6 sessions, however, in this particular week they were only able to secure the total number of sessions if two of them were covered by different locums at the same time.

DDLMC felt that the stance taken by NHSE was in contravention of the Statement of Financial Entitlements. After DDLMC challenged this position, NHSE have now agreed and have reimbursed the effected practices.

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