

Peel Medical Practice

Patient Participation Group
Newsletter 3, 2024



WELCOME

Welcome to all our patients and carers at Peel Medical Practice.

The third newsletter for 2024 covers the key findings of a report, published in the Independent newspaper on September 4th 2024, about GP practices. The report is based on analysis of NHS data and figures from other sources.

1. The number of people registered with an NHS GP practice in England grew by 11% from 56+million to 62+million between 2013 and 2023.
2. The number of GP practices in England fell from 8044 to 6419 over the same period, a drop of 20%.
3. GP lists are rising as practice list size has increased by 40% from 6967 to 9724 patients, equivalent to 291 more patients per year.
4. The number of larger practices with lists exceeding 20,000 also rose, from 1% (81) in 2013 to 6% (355) in 2023.



5. While the total NHS GP workforce grew 20% from 2015 to 2022, the number of GPs per 1000 patients fell by 15% when accounting for hours worked and population growth.
6. Overall, the number of GPs working the equivalent of full time fell from 27,948 to 27,321.
7. The average number of GPs for every 1000 patients fell from 0.53 to 0.45 – a 15% drop. The fall is significantly steeper among male GPs – 23% compared to 4% of female GPs.
8. The average number of nurses in GP surgeries was pretty static from 2015 to 2022, but the average number of other roles, such as pharmacists, social prescribers, physician associates, rose by 67%.
9. Administration roles also rose over this period (by 14%), making up over half of the NHS general practice workforce by September 2022.

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All good wishes from your PPG committee.