

## AITUNE MEDICAL PRACTICE IS UNABLE TO REGISTER PATIENTS WHO LIVE OUTSIDE OF THE PRACTICE BOUNDARY

Aitune have chosen to opt out of registering patients who live Out of Area. This is because we are not able to provide the full GP service to patients who live outside of the practice boundary and the reasons for this are as follows:

- We **cannot provide home visits** to out of area patients
- If **urgent treatment** is needed and the patient doesn't have the ability to travel to the GP surgery
- There can be fragmentation and **impact on availability of community and social services** to out of area patients, for example; health visiting, school nursing and district nursing services
- There can be **issues with referrals to hospitals and other secondary care services** when a patient lives outside of the practice boundary
- There can be **gaps in care** due to the differences in enhanced services depending on the area the patient lives in which can have an impact on holistic care

**We are sorry** if this is disappointing news to you, however GP surgeries are under no obligation to have patients who live out of the area on their list.