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FAO: Primary Care Practitioners & Practices

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Dear Colleague

GYPSY/TRAVELLERS - ACCESS TO GENERAL PRACTITIONER (GP) SERVICES

In June 2013, an updated version of the GP Registration Form was introduced via Circular PCA(M)(2013)4 which is available at:
[http://www.sehd.scot.nhs.uk/pca/PCA2013\(M\)04.pdf](http://www.sehd.scot.nhs.uk/pca/PCA2013(M)04.pdf)

This Circular provides explicit instruction that Regulations relating to GP registration apply equally to members of the travelling and settled populations, and that there are no inherent obstructions which relate solely to the Gypsy/Traveller community.

Everyone has the right to the highest attainable standard of health and everyone should have equal opportunity to realise this right without discrimination. The Equality Act 2010 protects characteristics which can make people vulnerable to being discriminated against and experiencing worse health.

I would appreciate you refer to this Circular when registering individuals from the Gypsy/Traveller community at your practice.

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