

Department of Finance

Quick Guide ... how we pay individuals, or organisations, for services they've provided – Annex 1 - GP Services

Introduction

The University can receive services provided by General Practitioners in relation to the health and wellbeing of its students and staff. These services are separate from those provided by our own University Health Service or Staff Occupational Health Service.

When paying for the services provided by external GPs, we must be clear whether the University is making payment to a GP Practice (Partnership) or to a GP in their capacity as a self employed individual.

Not all GP Practices are formal Partnerships and, even when they are, the Practice may hold bank accounts in an individual GP's name. This causes confusion for the University as we are legally obliged to understand whether we are making payment to an organisation or an individual person. This is so that we can comply with HMRC requirements with respect to Tax and National Insurance deductions.

GP Partners and Employed Practitioners

Invoices submitted to the University must clearly state to whom our payment should be made. Where the invoice is not in the name of a recognised GP Practice Partnership but an individual named GP, we need confirmation that this is the name of the GP Practice or that the GP is acting as a self employed individual. The GPs Unique Tax Reference (UTR) must then be quoted on the invoice. Where VAT is charged, the invoice must include the VAT registration number.

GPs who are employed by the Practice cannot be paid by invoice unless they have a self employed tax code. Without this information payment must be made as a 'University Bank worker'. See below.

WHO ARE YOU?	HOW CAN WE TELL?	HOW DO WE PAY YOU?
Self Employed	There is an Agreement for Services	You submit an Invoice to the Finance
Independent Contractor	with a negotiated fee	Payments Team quoting a University
Consultant		Purchase Order number (provided by
	Self employed tax code is in place	the Department you are working for)
	and/or person is registered for Self	
	Assessment for Tax	

GP Practice Partnership	Registered address present	You submit an Invoice to the Finance
Registered Company		Payments Team quoting a University
Other Trading entity	Recognisable trading name	Purchase Order number (provided by
		the Department you are working for)
	VAT status is clear	
Person providing ad hoc	The person has registered as a	Registration as a University Casual
services, but without a formal	'University Casual worker'	Worker has taken place.
employment contract issued		
by Human Resources		The department you are working for will
		authorise a spreadsheet submission of
		your hours and email it to the Finance
		Department Payroll and Expenses team.
		You'll be paid monthly through our
		Casual Payroll service