

SUMMARY OF SERVICE REQUIREMENTS

12 LEAD ECG RECORDING AND INTERPRETATION LES

(1st March 2026 – 31st March 2028)

1. Service Description/Pathway

The service is intended for all suitable patients aged 16 years and above who present symptomatically with suspected or established cardiac or non-cardiac conditions that require further investigation.

The service will also support delivery of a 12 Lead ECG recording and interpretation service for the following indications:

- ECG testing where this is clinically indicated as part of a patient's routine long-term condition assessment
- ECG testing for ongoing drug monitoring where this is clinically indicated in NICE guidance and included in the patient management plan (please note, in these circumstances, the use of the 12 Lead ECG recording and interpretation service for this intervention is at the discretion of the primary care clinician).

2. Exclusion Criteria

The following indications and patient groups are currently not included under this specification, and practices will not be paid for these patients under this service agreement:

- Patients under 16 years of age
- Patients with suspected acute coronary syndrome (myocardial infarction or unstable angina)
- Urgent referrals
- Routine medical examination and/or assessment
- Secondary care requests as part of the pre-operative assessment process. The LES does not provide a substitute arrangement for secondary care specialities performing their own ECGs and Follow ups

In general, the service will support funding for one 12 Lead ECG recording and interpretation test per patient per calendar year. Additional patient activity in one calendar year may be subject to clinical audit prior to approval to help understand the rationale for additional service activity.

3. Coding

For the purposes of payment, the register of patients is defined as follows:

- Patients aged 16 years and over who receive a 12 Lead ECG for symptomatic investigation and the ECG has been interpreted as normal, equivocal or abnormal
- Patients aged 16 years and over who receive a 12 Lead ECG for medications that affect the cardiac conduction system, and the ECG has been interpreted as normal, equivocal or abnormal
- Patients aged 16 years and over who have a LTC and receive a 12 Lead ECG as part of an ongoing requirement for annual review and the ECG has been interpreted as normal, equivocal or abnormal
- Date of 12 lead ECG interpretation within 5 days of the ECG recording code being applied

Practices are required to use the following SNOMED CT codes to confirm that a patient has been monitored through this LES.

Table 1: List of Clinical Codes for Data Collection

Description		Clinical Codes
12 Lead ECG Recording & Interpretation	12 Lead ECG Recording (electrocardiographic monitoring)	46825001
	One of the <u>three</u> interpretation codes must follow within 5 days of the 12 Lead ECG Recording taking place for activity to be eligible for payment	
	12 Lead ECG Interpretation: Normal (within 5 days of ECG Recording Code)	164854000
	12 Lead ECG Interpretation: Equivocal (within 5 days of ECG Recording Code)	370359005
	12 Lead ECG Interpretation: Abnormal (within 5 days of ECG Recording Code)	102594003
	12 Lead ECG Recording: Home Visit	439708006

Payment is made based on the date of the interpretation code (to distinguish activity that may sit across quarters).

The contract team reserves the right to carry out clinical audit on all 12 Lead ECG activity submissions that fall outside the 95% range (2 standard deviations) of the mean number of 12 Lead ECGs being performed across the ICB within each quarter being claimed.

4. Payments

Providers will be remunerated as follows:

- 12 Lead ECG Recording and Interpretation: **£28.69**
(This will be paid in the quarter the ECG interpretation is completed)

Intervention	Description	Funding
12 Lead ECG Test	12 Lead ECG Recording and Interpretation	£28.69

Payments will be made based upon the number of eligible patients that service providers declare in their quarterly activity submissions. Prices are inclusive of training and equipment costs, unless otherwise stated.

The ICB reserves the right to audit service quality or financial claims if it deems this to be appropriate.

The LES will be uplifted annually in line with the annual uplift provided by the Department of Health and Social Care (DHSC).

5. Data Submissions and Practice Claims for Payment

Practices will be required to submit the following quarterly data sets for activity being claimed by the **5th working day** of the following quarter.

Quarterly Activity Data Sets should include the following information:

- Name of Practice and whether activity is delivered through subcontracting arrangements, including name of service provider.
- The total number of 12 Lead ECGs (recording and interpretation) undertaken in the quarter being claimed
- The total number of patients who receive a 12 Lead ECG (recording and interpretation)
- The total number of patients who receive a 12 Lead ECG recording test through a home visit
- The total number of patients who receive 12 Lead ECG Recording in Extended Access Clinics

Practices will be paid quarterly based upon the submitted number of 12 Lead ECG diagnostic tests recorded and interpreted in the quarter being claimed.