

**Reference:** FOI.ICB-2324/385

**Subject:** GP Visa Sponsor Status

*I can confirm that the ICB does hold some of the information requested; please see responses below:*

QUESTION	RESPONSE
<p>Please find below questions about GP practices in your area and visa sponsor status. GP practices need to have obtained a visa sponsorship license if they want to recruit a GP from outside the UK who needs a skilled worker visa.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. How many GP practices in your ICB area are licensed visa sponsors currently?</li><li>2. How many GP practices in your ICB area were registered visa sponsors 12 months ago?</li><li>3. Is your ICB actively seeking to increase the number of GP practices in the area that are visa sponsors? If so, how?</li></ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. 5 Practices</li><li>2. Two</li><li>3. The BNSSG Training hub has a GP fellow in post who supports Visa Sponsor work in general practice . They are the point of contact for practices wishing to become sponsors. They also hold meetings with regional South West Visa support stakeholders group, to share learnings.</li></ol>

***The information provided in this response is accurate as of 18 January 2024 and has been approved for release by Dave Jarrett, Chief Delivery Officer for NHS Bristol, North Somerset and South Gloucestershire ICB.***