

# NHS Dumfries & Galloway



## Primary Care Perspective

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# D&G Primary Care Landscape

## 4 GP Clusters across D&G

- Wigtownshire
- Stewartry
- Nithsdale
- Annandale & Eskdale

## Practices:

- 32 GP Practices
- 3 '2C' (Board run) Practices
- 107 GPs (99 partners, 8 salaried) / 88.1 WTE GPs
- 16 Practices have vacancies (13  $\geq$  6mths)
- 7 Practices with satellite branches

## Yellow Fever:

- 7 Yellow Fever Centres

# D&G Primary Care Landscape

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- **6 Practices are run by a single handed GP.**
  - **5 / 6 run by an individual aged 50 years or older.**
- **9 Practices are operated by two GPs.**
  - **7 / 9 at least one is over 55 years of age.**
  - **Potential for these to become single handed practices in the coming years is high.**
- **3 Practices are run by a single-handed salaried GP employed by NHS Dumfries & Galloway.**
  - **All 3 of these individuals are over the age of 50 with one over 55.**

# GP Perception of VTP

- **Generally viewed as positive**
  - **Most Practices ‘signed up’**
- **Good level of trust between the GPs and the Board**
- **A feeling that the programme is moving too slowly**
- **Existing Pre-school service is very well received and respected**
- **GP concern about continuity of payments**
- **Practice nurses may feel a loss of ownership, particularly around Travel Health**
- **Model may be more suited to urban area and not easily implemented for rural populations**
- **“If it ain’t broke why fix it?”**

# VTP Benefits and Challenges

## Benefits:

- Builds on established model of Board delivered pre-school Service
- Only minor tweaks to Service Level Agreement required
- Practice nursing time released
- Opportunity for standardisation of service

## Challenges:

- May not release much GP time (immunisations mostly administered by practice nurses)
- Loss of opportunistic vaccinations
  - Difficult to quantify numbers
- Possible reduction in uptake rates due to loss of appointment time flexibility
- Provision of accommodation may be challenging
- 2-way access to patient data
- De-skilled GP nurse workforce
- Recruitment
- Fridge capacity