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Table S1: Logistic regression: Response to survey

Response $(1 = yes, 0 = no)$	Coefficient.	Std. Err.	[95% Conf. Interval]	
Practice GP FTE	0.05	0.01	0.03	0.07
Practice Direct Patient Care				
FTE	0.05	0.01	0.03	0.08
Income Deprivation	-2.34	0.56	-3.45	-1.24
Regions				
London	0.40	0.12	0.17	0.63
Midlands	-0.59	0.13	-0.84	-0.34
North East and Yorkshire	-0.17	0.13	-0.41	0.08
North West	-0.42	0.14	-0.69	-0.15
South East of England	-0.58	0.13	-0.84	-0.31
South West of England	-0.08	0.14	-0.34	0.19
Constant	-1.36	0.12	-1.60	-1.12
N	6447			
Pseudo R2	0.04			
Log likelihood	-2991.24			_

Note: FTE is the number of practitioner type full time equivalents employed at the practice.

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Table S2. Motivating factors: Percent of GP practices with practitioner type who selected motivating factor

	Practices who employed							
	Advanc ed Nurse Practiti oner N=615	Speci alist Nurse	Health Care Assista nt N=108	Physic ian Assoc iate N=61	Pharm acist N=486	Param edic N=12 5		
To increase overall appointment availability	75.58%	48.43	67.38%	75.90 %	51.20%	68.58 %		
Desire to release GP time	69.97%	56.74 %	23.94%	65.95 %	78.27%	81.25 %		
Desire to achieve a better match between what patients need and what the practitioner team can deliver	69.04%	78.92 %	67.48%	66.36 %	70.02%	66.42 %		
Desire to move forward with national policy for skill mix (i.e. different types of practitioners)	55.13%	46.67 %	47.04%	58.72 %	62.92%	57.92 %		
Desire to improve cost-effectiveness	53.37%	40.81 %	62.37%	51.19 %	54.62%	46.31 %		
To provide additional or improved services to patients such as increased access beyond what is currently available	52.46%	52.49 %	49.62%	36.90 %	52.83%	47.64 %		
Desire to improve working conditions for practice staff	40.79%	27.21 %	38.35%	35.42 %	35.30%	32.45 %		
Unable to recruit a GP	37.40%	15.50 %	2.90%	31.00 %	13.20%	35.70 %		
To cope with recruitment issues – our choices are limited by the availability of suitable practitioners	31.71%	15.44 %	7.81%	40.03 %	21.33%	41.21 %		
To keep pace with the range of services offered by other local practices	15.09%	15.19 %	25.23%	12.29 %	22.62%	11.49 %		
To make use of specific services, funding or incentives provided a local CCG, federation or GP network etc.	7.90%	16.41 %	12.18%	14.98 %	39.26%	12.45 %		
To fit with local policy decisions e.g. such as funding for specific types of practitioner through an incentive scheme	7.29%	8.72 %	6.05%	11.79 %	31.90%	5.80%		

Note: Responses are weighted by inverse probability weights from the regression

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Figure S1: Histogram of inverse probability weights

