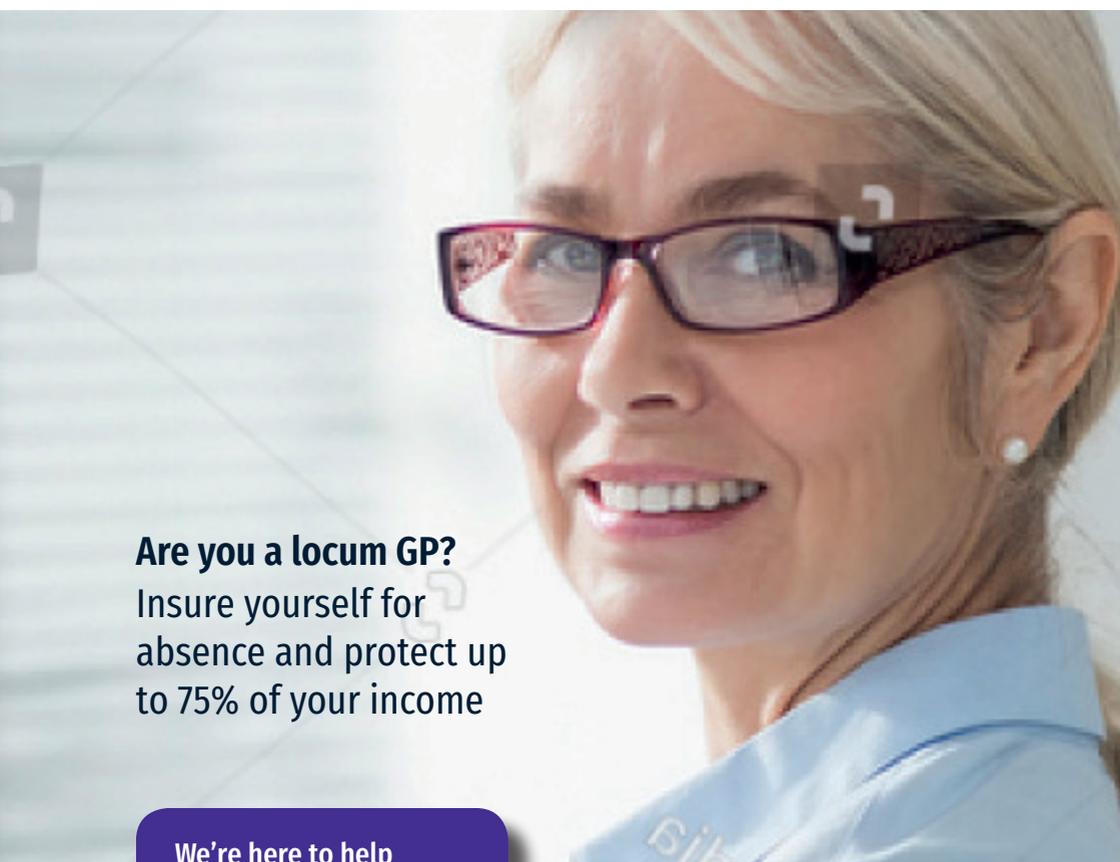




# Overcome the Risk of Being Unable to Work

Protect yourself against sickness, accident and other absences



**Are you a locum GP?**  
Insure yourself for  
absence and protect up  
to 75% of your income

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# Looking for a better way to protect yourself against absence?

Practice Cover has the solution

Practice Cover now provides medical professionals such as you with a fresh way to protect your income should you be unable to work.

## Absence can leave a hole your finances...

Falling ill and being unable to work is a concern among many of those who have no employer's sick pay arrangements to fall back on.

Prolonged absence of up to a year can ruin even the most carefully laid financial plans such as school fees funding, pension planning and that is not to mention basic mortgage repayments.



# Absence Insurance FAQs

## How much can you insure for?

The policy is designed to provide you with a weekly sum of up to 75% of your gross income. This is known as the 'weekly sum insured'. The maximum weekly sum insured is usually £3,000.

So, if your income is, say, £100,000 a year, the maximum you could be insured for would be £1442 a week.

The weekly sum insured is intended to enable you to meet your regular living expenses until you return to work. In the case of long-term disability, you receive payment for up to 52 weeks (depending on the benefit period you select).

Many GP locums form their own limited company. In cases such as this you can insure for up to 75% of the income to the company that is attributable to you (if, for example, your limited company comprises you and another person).

## How much does it cost?

Your premium is based on the weekly sum insured, the benefit period (which is usually 52 weeks) and the deferment period you choose. You can choose any deferment period from 2 weeks upwards. The longer the deferment period, the lower the premium you pay.

## How do you claim?

If you need to make a claim our claims team would ask for documentary evidence of your income (because the maximum that can be paid is 75% of your actual income, averaged over the 12 months prior to any claim). If you haven't worked for at least 12 months, your claim would be based on the period over which you have been working in your current role. The sum claimed for sickness absence is paid for the benefit period you choose (usually 52 weeks) or until return to work, if sooner.

## Who is it for?

Absence Insurance is for medical professionals such as locum GPs, Dental Associates, doctors in private practice and so on.

# Case Study

## The Insurance in Action

Dr A Bell is a sessional GP working 6 to 8 sessions a week. He typically earns £125,000 a year.\*

### The Cost

Depending on the scope of cover that he chooses, his annual premium could be as little as £780 a year, including Insurance Premium Tax @ 12%. Premiums are not affected by the age, gender or health of Dr Bell.

### His Cover

The maximum we can insure him for is 75% of £125,000 i.e. £1802 per week. However, he decides that £1500 a week would meet his needs so he takes out Absence Insurance, choosing a sum insured of £1500 a week. He also selects a 4-week deferment period and a 52-week benefit period.

### The Cover in Action

Sometime later, Dr Bell trips downstairs and slips a disc resulting in 10 weeks off work. He provides a copy of his last tax return which shows an income of £128,000 – well within the policy's requirements – so a cash sum of £9,000 is paid to him, which equates to £1500 a week for 6 weeks (after the expiry of his selected 4 week deferment period).

*\*Any examples given here are designed for illustrative purposes only.*

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# Peace of mind from a cash sum

How can our Absence Insurance help you?

An affordable monthly or yearly payment can protect your income – by insuring up to 75% of your gross income if you are unable to work for any one of a range of reasons, including:



Accident

Illness

Jury Service

Suspension

Delayed Return from Holiday

Compassionate Leave

*Benefits depend on the Level of Cover you select – please see back page.*

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# Choose the Level of Cover that's right for you...

## Level 1

The weekly sum insured is paid if you are unable to work due to illness or accident.

## Level 2

The weekly sum insured is paid if you are unable to work due to illness, accident, jury service, suspension or compassionate leave.

### Additional sums paid for:

- Medical expenses
- Coma
- Funeral expenses

## Level 3

The weekly sum insured is paid if you are unable to work due to illness, accident, jury service, suspension or compassionate leave.

### Additional sums paid for:

- Medical expenses
- Coma
- Funeral expenses
- Phased return to work
- Maternity/Paternity/Adoption
- Hospital in-patient
- Home modification
- Domestic, chauffeur, childcare
- Partner training
- Return home expenses
- Dental expenses
- Hospital transport
- HIV needlestick injury
- Delayed return from holiday

Plus lump sum for accidental injury resulting in:

- Death • Loss of limb(s) • Loss of sight • Loss of speech • Loss of hearing • Permanent total disablement

Please note that the above is an outline only. Full terms and conditions are contained in the policy document which is available on request.

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