

Supplementary Table 2. Practice characteristics.

	Advanced Access?		Comparison between Advanced Access and non-Advanced Access practices		
	Yes (n=162) ^a	No (n=79) ^a	Odds ratio	95% CI	P-value
	Number of practices (%)	Number of practices (%)			
Doctor continuity					
See any doctor	58 (39.2)	32 (42.7)			
Same doctor encouraged	39 (26.4)	17 (22.7)	1.27	0.62 to 2.59	
Always same doctor	51 (34.5)	26 (34.7)	1.08	0.57 to 2.05	0.811
General Medical Services contract	96 (59.6)	43 (55.1)	1.20	0.91 to 2.08	0.509
Training practice	66 (41.3)	24 (30.4)	1.61	0.91 to 2.86	0.104
Participate in Directed Enhanced Service on Access	134 (93.7)	45 (69.2)	6.62	2.81 to 15.58	<0.001
Receive deprivation payments	85 (55.9)	36 (49.3)	1.30	0.75 to 2.28	0.353
Previously a fundholding practice	69 (44.2)	27 (35.5)	1.44	0.82 to 2.54	0.207
Location					
Rural	42 (27.3)	24 (31.6)			
Urban	90 (58.4)	35 (46.1)	1.47	0.78 to 2.77	
Inner city	22 (14.3)	17 (22.4)	0.74	0.33 to 1.66	0.159
Offer 'open' surgeries	33 (21.3)	12 (15.6)	1.47	0.71 to 3.03	0.302
	Mean (SD)	Mean (SD)	Difference	95% CI	P-value
List size	6891 (3629)	5827 (3598)	1064	80 to 2048	0.034
Doctors WTE ^b	3.70 (2.57)	3.44 (2.06)	0.27	-0.31 to 0.85	0.366
Nurse practitioners WTE ^b	0.49 (0.92)	0.32 (0.65)	0.17	-0.06 to 0.41	0.143
Nurses WTE ^b	1.36 (1.09)	1.47 (1.29)	-0.11	-0.44 to 0.22	0.509
Healthcare assistants WTE ^b	0.47 (0.53)	0.39 (0.49)	-0.07	-0.07 to 0.22	0.321

The number of observations differs for each question depending upon the number of missing answers. The percent given relates to the observations excluding missing data. ^a4 practices did not indicate whether or not they used Advanced Access. ^bWTE = Whole time equivalence.