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We acknowledge that our findings are based on 2008 data, and we are aware that the policy environment has changed somewhat since that time [3]. We expect that many of the predictive factors studied (age, location, specialist type and practice arrangements) remain relatively stable over time. Our paper provides the first national study of participation in outreach, providing a baseline from which to examine trends over time. We are pursuing further research on longitudinal trends in the context of changes in policy since 2008.