

My Committee have considered the document and would make a few brief comments.

This document basically advocates more regulation and costs on HNS services. On the basis that the proposed exemption of both GP practices for the provision of primary medical services and the de minimis exemption that would cover other NHS funded services by general practices are both very welcome and we would suggest that these provisions should be long term and not short term. General practice is drowning in regulation. There is an inverse relationship between regulation and empathy for patients that has for too long gone unrecognised by politicians.

