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Dear Professor Sir Paul Curran,

**Review of Doctors' and Dentists' Remuneration: General Medical Practitioners and the Forty-Seventh Review.**

As you are aware we submitted written evidence to you on 18<sup>th</sup> January 2019. In this, we set out that we would update you in supplementary evidence on the outcome of 2019/20 primary contract negotiations. The outcome of these negotiations has now been finalised and published.

<https://www.england.nhs.uk/gp/gpfv/investment/gp-contract/>

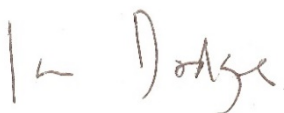
The contract agreement gives five-year funding clarity and certainty for practices and confirms the funding intended through national legal entitlements for general practice under the practice and new network contracts. British Medical Association General Practitioners Committee (GPC) England and NHS England have agreed that they do not expect additional national money for practice or network contract entitlements, taken together, until 2024/25. Beyond contract funding, investment worth hundreds of millions of pounds will continue to be made in central programmes benefiting general practice.

As part of this agreement, both GPC England and NHS England agreed that they would ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care to not ask for the review body's recommendation on independent contractor GMP net income. Following on

from this request, I ask that the review body does not provide a recommendation on independent contractor pay in England for the duration of the five-year deal.

Under this agreement, NHS England and GPC England have agreed that practice staff, including salaried GPs, in England will receive at least a 2.0% increase in 2019/20, although the actual effect will depend on indemnity arrangements within practices. From April 2019, the minimum and maximum pay range for salaried GMPs will be uplifted by 2%. NHS England and GPC England have therefore asked the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care to not ask for the review body's recommendation on salaried GMP pay in England for the 2019/20 pay round. As such, I ask that the review body does not provide a recommendation for salaried GPs in England for the 2019/20 pay round. We envisage continuing to include recommendations on the pay of salaried GMPs within the review body's remit from the 2020/21 pay round onwards. Recommendations will need to be informed by affordability and in particular the fixed contract resources available to practices under this deal and will inform decisions by GMP partners on increases to the pay of salaried GMPs. We ask you to continue as usual for this pay round and the following pay rounds to make a recommendation on pay for GMP trainees, educators and appraisers. As now, the Government will decide how to respond to DDRB recommendations.

We attach a summary of the contract agreed and invite the review body to note the new contract.



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