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Dear colleagues

### GP CONTRACT REFORM

We have today published **Investment and evolution: A five-year framework for GP contract reform to implement The NHS Long Term Plan** jointly with the BMA's General Practitioners Committee England.

<https://www.england.nhs.uk/publication/gp-contract-five-year-framework/>

This agreement between NHS England and the BMA's General Practitioners Committee in England, and supported by Government, translates commitments in The NHS Long Term Plan into a five-year framework for the GP services contract and confirms the direction for primary care for the next ten years.

The NHS Long Term Plan set out the case for enhanced primary medical and community care, backed by an extra £4.5bn a year by 2023/24. Strong GP services are essential to this and the new contract will deliver the most fundamental change to primary care in decades. As well as significant increases in practice level funding, the settlement will help firmly establish primary care networks around the country, providing for a new network contract in which £1.799 billion would be invested annually by 2023/24 and directly reimbursing networks for the employment of 20,000 clinical pharmacists, physiotherapists, community paramedics, physician associates and social prescribing link workers across primary care networks. They will help deliver seven new service specifications to deliver the NHS Long Term plan covering medication reviews, care homes support, personalised care, anticipatory care, supporting early cancer diagnosis, CVD detection, and local action to tackle neighbourhood level inequalities;

In addition, the new contract describes the new state-backed indemnity scheme, announces significant reform to QOF and enables improvements on digital, access and connectivity to NHS 111.

We plan a series of roadshows to help colleagues understand the changes in full and on which further communications will follow. In the meantime, if you have any queries they can be submitted to [England.GPcontracts@nhs.net](mailto:England.GPcontracts@nhs.net)

Yours faithfully



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