

To Whom It May Concern

Statement of Intent: Delivering the new General Medical Services (GMS) Contract in Scotland

A co-produced *draft* Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the Integration Authorities (IA), the Scottish General Practitioners' Committee (SGPC) of the British Medical Association (BMA), NHS Boards and the Scottish Government is being developed setting out an agreed approach that, if accepted by the profession, will support the implementation of the General Medical Services (GMS) contract in Scotland from April 2018.

The changes that would be delivered through this new contract are focussed on redesigning the balance and flow of work between GPs as the Expert Medical Generalist (EMG) and other professional staff working within a multi-disciplinary team.

The draft MOU sets out:

- general principles underpinning primary care in Scotland;
- respective roles and responsibilities of:
 - Integration Authorities (typically delivered through the Health and Social Care Partnership delivery organisations);
 - NHS Boards as parties to General Medical Services contracts, service delivery agents and NHS employers;
 - SGPC as the Negotiating Committee of the BMA for the GMS contract in Scotland;
 - Scottish Government setting the strategic, legal, and financial framework for general medical services in Scotland.
- resourcing (financial and workforce);
- the establishment of HSCP Primary Care Improvement Plans; alongside NHS Boards arrangements for local delivery of the new Scottish GMS contract in line with the [Scottish GMS contract offer document](#) ("Scottish Blue Book"); and
- governance arrangements for oversight of implementation of the new Scottish GMS contract and the HSCP Primary Care Improvement Plans.

If the new contract is formally endorsed by SGPC, Health and Social Care Partnership Chief Officers and NHS Board Chief Executives have agreed to recommend to their respective Boards that the terms of the MOU be endorsed and that HSCP Primary Care Improvement Plans then be established as part of each HSCP Strategic Planning processes; and be implemented alongside the NHS Board arrangements for delivering the GMS contract in Scotland. The Plans will be developed collaboratively with advice and support from GPs; and explicitly agreed with the local GP Subcommittee of the Area Medical Committee (and in the context of the arrangements for delivering the new GMS contract explicitly agreed with the Local Medical Committee), and be in place by the end of July 2018. Further details on these arrangements can be found in the draft Memorandum.

This clear joint statement of intent provides reassurance that partners are committed to working collaboratively and positively in the period to March 2021 and beyond to deliver real change in local health and care systems that will reduce workload and risk for GPs and ensure effective multi-disciplinary team working for the benefit of patients.

Signed on behalf of the Scottish General Practitioners' Committee of the British Medical Association



Alan McDevitt, Chair, Scottish GP Committee of the British Medical Association

10 November 2017


Signed on behalf of Health and Social Care Partnership Chief Officers



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Signed on behalf of NHS Board Chief Executives



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