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Our ref: 2017/0009892
4 April 2017

Dear [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] Scottish Ministers receive a large volume of correspondence and they are not always able to reply personally. On this occasion I am responding [REDACTED] an official in the Primary Care Division.

[REDACTED] is grateful to have sight of your letter. I understand that [REDACTED] has since written to you outlining the Scottish Government's recent announcements for Primary Care which I hope has assured you that we are aware of the scale of the challenge facing GPs in Scotland and are acting to meet that challenge.

On Friday 10 March [REDACTED] announced an additional £71.6 million will be invested in direct support of general practice, helping transform the way services are delivered in the community. The funds will directly support general practice in 2017/18, by improving recruitment and retention, reducing workload, developing new ways of delivering services and covering pay and expenses.

This new funding forms the first stage of the Scottish Government's commitment to invest an extra £250 million in direct support of general practice per year by 2021 – as part of a pledge to increase overall annual funding for primary care by £500 million by 2021.

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Yours sincerely,

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