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Practice List Closure GPC Survey Results

These [results](#) of the GPC Practice List Closure Survey sound a clear warning signal that the government must not ignore about the need to urgently address the incredible pressures bearing down on general practice. GPC will continue to pressure the government on this.

Funding of General Practice in England

Alongside the survey above, the GPC have published their [analysis of the funding of general practice](#) in England; reviewing the outlook for general practice funding in England between now and 2020/21 and considering whether planned investment over the coming four years as part of the General Practice Forward View (GPFV) is likely to meet the 11% target called for in 2016.

Sadly, the analysis shows that even if the GPFV funding is delivered in full, investment in general practice is likely to fall significantly short of that 11% target. GPC will publish further analysis of the financial outlook for general practice once new GP investment statistics are published by NHS Digital later in September.

NHS Property Services and CHP – important message for practice occupying one of these premises

GPC have created a [webpage](#) for practices with useful guidance. In addition, please read this generic letter and the letter appropriate to the premises you occupy

- [Letter for practices in CHP premises](#) plus [accompanying covering letter from Mark Day](#)
- [Letter for practices in NHSPS premises](#)

Frailty Contractual Guidance on Batch Coding

NHS England's have produced this [statement](#) following discussions around batch-coding in the context of the contract changes on frailty that came into effect this year

International GP Recruitment

As you will be aware, the Teeswide GP Recruitment Project is underway with the aim of bringing 20 new GPs into the area. CLMC and practices are included in the project group.

Nationally, work is also ongoing around visa arrangements for EEA (European Economic Area) and non-EEA GPs between NHS England, Health Education England, the Department of Health and the Home Office. There is now widespread support across all programme stakeholders for the inclusion of General Practitioners on the MAC (Migration Advisory Committee) SOL (Shortage Occupation List). This would enable international GPs to obtain working visas without being subject to the standard RLMT (Resident Labour Market Test). All stakeholders, including the BMA, will be making a submission to the MAC requesting that GPs are added to the SOL as soon as possible.

NHS England is also exploring all possible options around making themselves the single sponsor for all international doctors holding Tier 2 visas, including IMGs (international medical graduates) that have completed GP training in the UK and are ready to work in General Practice though Tees practices are in a good position for this with a number of practice already holding Tier 2 Sponsorship and we have brought this to the attention of the national team!

Guide for Overseas Doctors

Led by the RCGP (Royal College of GPs), partner organisations including the BMA have been working together to produce a new guide for international GPs and doctors from the UK that have trained abroad who are considering moving to the UK to live and work in NHS General Practice. The guide contains information on life in the four UK nations, the cost of living, housing, education, childcare, opening a bank account etc, as well as details about the NHS, becoming an NHS GP, types of GP role, salary / pay and the various routes you can take to become an NHS GP.

It is intended to be an online resource, which will be located on the RCGP website and updated periodically to ensure it remains current. The guide will be launched at the RCGP Annual Primary Care Conference, which is taking place from 12-14 October

Sessional GP Newsletter

The [latest sessional GP newsletter](#) focuses on priorities for the coming year. Additionally, there is a message from Zoe Norris about the list closure ballot, information about mental health support for GPs and a blog about different ways of working as a locum.

GPC GP Trainees Subcommittee – New Chair and Deputy

Tom Micklewright, a GP trainee in Merseyside, has been elected chair of the GP trainees subcommittee and Dan Djemal, a GP trainee in the Thames Valley has been elected as deputy chair. To contact the GP trainee subcommittee, please email: gptrainees@bma.org.uk