



Department of Health & Social Care

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Dear Katie,

Thank you for your letter, and your reflections on the changes the Prime Minister and I announced last week. As you've said, bringing NHS England back into the department and creating a leaner centre presents an opportunity to empower local leaders and systems so they can deliver better for their local communities.

I want to take the chance to reiterate my appreciation to you and your team for the collaborative and constructive way in which you all engaged in the recent contract consultation. I am extremely pleased that we were able to reach a deal for the first time in four years that will improve patient care, support practices and reduce bureaucracy for GPs.

I value the dedication of the GPC England and recognise the importance of constructive engagement in shaping the future of general practice. Ahead of Wednesday's special conference of England LMCs, I am happy to reaffirm this government's commitment to working with the GPC England to secure a new substantive GP contract within this Parliament, without preconditions, based on collaborative work, and in the spirit of mutual trust and good faith.

We remain committed to fixing the front door of the NHS, building on the progress to date to deliver meaningful reform to establish a modern general practice at the heart of a neighbourhood health service.

The Department and I look forward to working with you and your colleagues over the coming months to consider how we can achieve this shared ambition.

Yours sincerely,

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