

Stephen Kinnock MP
Minister of State for Care
Department of Health and Social Care

via email

20 November 2025

Dear Stephen,

We are disappointed by the withdrawal of your invitation to meet following my speech to England's Conference of LMCs on 07 November 2025, and the subsequent cancellation of all meetings with GPC England at such a critical time for our general practices and their patients nationwide.

Our letter of 04 November 2025 demonstrated the spirit and scope of the full contract consultation discussions between GPCE and DHSC/NHSE. We absolutely refute your claim that there was any intention to misrepresent the position of government. The outstanding questions within that letter regarding what, if any, attempt DHSC/NHSE made to ensure implementation of necessary safeguards, including contacting GP system online consultation tool providers, remain unanswered.

Earlier this year we had hope, which we relentlessly shared with our committee and with GPs across England, that general practice could be rebuilt for the better, that a Labour government would understand the value continuity of care could bring again with the return of the family doctor. We told our constituents that we believed the promises made by government, that we would be listened to and be a central part of the solutions needed for a brighter NHS future. It is with immense regret that we now feel progress towards these aspirations has stalled and without meaningful dialogue between GPCE and DHSC/NHSE the future remains uncertain.

We need to make you aware, as a priority, that our survey of practices which closed last week, has provided feedback from over 1000 (>20%) practices across England. The findings demonstrate significant patient safety concerns from practices caring for over 14 million patients. I would welcome the opportunity to discuss these survey findings as well as the other issues outlined in my previous letters of 22nd July and 29th October, including the new neighbourhood models, the review of the Carr-Hill formula and crucially, as promised, the wholesale renegotiation of a new GMS contract within this Parliament.

It is clear that there are difficult and uncomfortable conversations to be had, but they must take place in order to reach an outcome which will ensure the best possible future for general practice to meet the needs of patients across the country. I hope that you will reconsider your position and agree to meet at your earliest convenience.

Yours sincerely



Dr Katie Bramall
Chair, BMA General Practitioners Committee England

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