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GPC England
- cc. • Dr Samira Anane – Deputy Chair,
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- Dr Julius Parker – Deputy Chair,
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 - Dr David Wrigley – Deputy Chair,
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Dear Katie,

Re: letter from GPC England – 17 April 2024

I am writing to confirm receipt of your letter dated 17 April 2024, in which you state that GPC England is in dispute with NHS England in relation to the 2024/25 General Medical Services (GMS) contract. I understand this to be an expression of dissatisfaction with the contract position, particularly the funding aspects of it, rather than a legal dispute. I am copying my colleagues from DHSC into this response, given that they jointly led on the consultation process for 2024/25.

I welcome your suggestion that we continue to meet and maintain dialogue. We share your priorities of safeguarding high quality patient care and sustainable general practice. Once the Review Body on Doctors' and Dentists' Remuneration (DDRB) has reported, and the government has responded to their recommendation, we would like to reconvene to understand the funding envelope in light of the response to the recommendations. I therefore suggest we reconvene once this is clear.

In the meantime we propose establishing the quarterly Strategic Issues meetings between NHS England and GPC England which we offered during the 2024/25 GP Contract



consultation. These will be chaired by myself and Claire Fuller on behalf of NHS England and are in addition to restarting the regular monthly operational meetings.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Amanda Doyle', written in a cursive style.

Dr Amanda Doyle, OBE, MRCGP
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