Please see the below BMA press release calling for the urgent implementation of the GP Forward View's promised extra funding after the first year of delivery.

GPC's detailed analysis of the first year of the GP Forward View can be found <u>here</u>.

Our monitoring so far has highlighted that funding and support is starting to make its way through to practices. More funding streams and support initiatives are due to start in April 2017. Our analysis looks at what was promised in the first year of the GPFV and what has been delivered so far.

Chandra Kanneganti, the GPC England Policy Lead for the GPFV, has written a <u>blog</u> outlining the work which we (helped by the vital feedback we receive from LMCs) undertake to keep tabs on the delivery and implementation of the programmes contained in the GPFV, such as setting up a dedicated LMC GPFV reference group which represents all regions in England and which meets with NHS England, and other channels for regularly raising concerns with top level officials on behalf of LMCs and individual practices across England.

Regards

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### **BMA Press Release**

Immediate Release: Monday, 24 April

BMA calls for urgent implementation of GP Forward View's promised extra funding after "patchy" first year of delivery

The BMA has published its evaluation of the progress so far of the GP Forward View in England a year on from its launch and called for the urgent implementation of its promised extra funding after a patchy first 12 months of delivery.

Dr Chaand Nagpaul, BMA GP committee chair, said:

"The BMA's GP committee believes that it is vital NHS England is held to account to deliver its promises and funding commitments, and do so in a way that translates into real support for GP practices.

"Our analysis of the first year of the GP forward view highlights that whilst there has been some delivery, there have been cases where promised funding has been severely delayed or distributed unevenly across the country. This confusing and inadequate implementation is unacceptable given the huge pressures on general practice from a combination of factors, including rising patient demand, falling resources and staff shortages. Many GP practices<sup>1</sup> are at breaking point and they need certainty that they will get the resources necessary to deliver safe, effective care to their patients.

"We will continue to work with grassroots GPs to provide LMCs and practices with resources to hold NHS managers to account, which has included launching new guidance recently on how to ensure work is not unnecessarily transferred from secondary care<sup>2</sup>. Most importantly, we expect politicians of all parties to put forward positive, well-resourced proposals that will not duck the crisis facing the NHS and general practice in the upcoming general election campaign."

The BMA's analysis of the first year of the GP Forward View can be found here.

### **Ends**

#### **Notes to Editors**

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- 1. More information about the current pressures that are leaving the NHS at breaking point can be found <u>here</u> and a briefing paper on the issues facing general practice can be found <u>here</u>.
- 2. The new guidance on ensuring administrative work is not unnecessarily transferred from secondary care to general practice can be read <a href="here">here</a>.

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