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Dear All,

Please find below a statement from the BMA about the motion passed at the LMC Conference on Saturday about care home visits. Chaand has appeared on BBC R4's Today programme this morning and Five Live, amongst other interviews.

You can tweet this statement via @thebma

Kind regards

Paul Gadsby

BMA Senior Media Officer

## **Government needs to address problems facing care home services, warns GP leaders**

Responding to a motion passed at the Special Conference of Local Medical Committees passed on Saturday, 30 January, Dr Chaand Nagpaul, BMA GP committee chair said:

“This motion highlights the need for patients in care homes to be given proper, safe and quality care. Currently, GP services are hugely overstretched, with a shortage of doctors and nurses. Many GP practices are struggling to provide care to the sheer number of patients walking through surgery doors daily. 150,000 more patients visit a GP surgery each day compared to seven years ago, but GP services have not been given the additional support to cope with this demand.

“Patients in care homes deserve proper medical care by a coordinated team, including specialist nurses and doctors. Many of these patients would previously have been in long stay hospital beds. The government agenda of moving care out of hospitals means that many patients with specialist needs are now in community settings, yet without providing such patients with the dedicated, specialist and coordinated support they need.

“The current GP contract considers patients in care homes no different from any other patient, and this is resulting in a piecemeal service. It is not doing justice to those in care homes. This motion asks for the BMA to discuss with the government a separate contract for patients in care homes that reflects their additional needs, so that they can get the comprehensive care they deserve. This is not about GPs not looking after patients in care homes or withdrawing services: it is about them being able to provide focused care with the right resources and range of other staff to ensure that older patients with multiple medical needs get the service they deserve ”

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### **Notes to Editors**

Information about the BMA's special conference of Local Medical Committees can be found [here](#).

Dr Nagpaul's warning of the "emergency situation" facing general practice can be found [here](#).

The motion passed at the conference states: That conference believes, in order to provide safe and sustainable services in general practice, separate contractual arrangements are needed for care for residents of nursing homes, residential care homes and similar institutions.

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