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Dear colleague,

UPDATE ON PROGRESS AGAINST GENERAL PRACTICE FORWARD VIEW COMMITMENTS

NHS England today [sets out the latest measures](#) it is implementing to help general practice cope with increasing demand - boosting GP numbers and tackling burnout as part of the [General Practice Forward View](#) (GPFV).

A nationwide, £19.5m [NHS GP Health service](#) will be introduced in January 2017, aimed at improving access to mental health support for general practitioners and trainee GPs while the [Induction and Refresher \(I&R\) scheme](#) will be revamped to speed up the time it takes for GPs to return to practice in England.

The GPFV pledged to simplify the current I&R scheme, aiming to slash the time it can take doctors to return to practice, with the ambition to support at least an extra 500 doctors back into practice by 2020/21, as part of a broader plan to see an additional 5,000 doctors in general practice by 2020/21.

The second major part of today's announcement focusses on helping GPs who may be suffering from mental ill-health including stress and burnout. The Hurley Clinic Partnership, who currently provide the NHS Practitioner Health Programme, has been appointed to run a free, confidential service for any GP or trainee registered on the National Performers List or looking to return to clinical practice.

Available in 13 areas across the country, the GP Health Service will be accessible via a confidential national self-referral phone line, website and app, enabling GPs and GP

trainees to seek information about the services available, access self-help tools, and access clinical support.

NHS England has worked closely with its partners, including the BMA's General Practitioner Committee, HEE, the RCGP and the GMC to develop a service that responds to issues that GPs have highlighted as priorities.

The service will launch in January 2017 and forms an important part of NHS England's commitment to retain a healthy and resilient workforce for the benefit of both staff and patients.

As part of [broader work to address the issue of rising indemnity costs](#), NHS England is also planning to re-run a winter indemnity scheme to support GPs to work in out of hours setting. We will be releasing further details soon.

With kind regards,

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