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Dear LMCs,

At yesterday's GPC meeting, the committee voted to accept limited changes to the GP contract in England for 2016/17. This in no way detracts from the GPC's mandate from the recent special conference to hold the government to account with an ultimatum to deliver a rescue package for general practice.

Please find attached a press release which is **strictly embargoed until noon**.

The changes offer immediate financial support for practices, recognising the actual components of rising expenses, and is designed to deliver a net pay uplift rather than a pay cut. There is no new clinical workload requirement or any change to QOF, but the deeply unpopular imposed dementia DES is being removed with funding transferred to core, and vaccination item of service payments have increased 28% from £7.64 to £9.80.

Full details, including non-contractual areas of agreement, are covered in the attached letter to the profession and FAQs. Please do not share these documents more widely. They will be available on the GPC homepage from midday today:

<http://www.bma.org.uk/working-for-change/negotiating-for-the-profession/bma-general-practitioners-committee>

**We ask that you please respect the embargo time of noon and keep this information strictly confidential until then.**

You can contact [info.gpc@bma.org.uk](mailto:info.gpc@bma.org.uk) or your regional GPC representative for further information.

Best wishes

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*(See attached file: Contract press release - embargoed.pdf)(See attached file: FAQs.pdf)(See attached file: Letter to the profession GP contract 2016-17.pdf)*

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