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Subject: Support requested - GP Retention scheme case studies

Dear All

NHS England has shared some positive feedback with GPC / the BMA demonstrating that the GP Retention Scheme is having a very positive impact on the working lives of participating GPs. Initial signs indicate that the scheme is proving very popular with GPs of all ages, and is helping to stop people from taking the decision to leave the NHS workforce altogether.

Whilst the cohort of GPs in this scheme is still relatively small, this is a welcome development given that recent member surveys tell us many GPs are thinking of giving up General Practice due to intense workload pressures, inflexible working options and insufficient resourcing. With GP retention currently receiving major national focus from NHS England and the Department of Health, the GP Retention Scheme has the potential to have a significant positive impact on GPs' future career decisions.

Consequently, we are seeking GP volunteers who are in the [2017 GP Retention Scheme](#) or the 2016 interim scheme. We're keen to gather and publish their positive experiences to help raise awareness of the scheme among GPs and local commissioners across England. This will most likely involve participating GPs being in a promotional video or writing a short blog, which covers the reasons why they have joined the scheme, how it has helped them, how it can be useful to other GPs and that funding for scheme placements exists in all CCG areas (the scheme is in the [GMS Statement of Financial Entitlements](#)).

Equally, whilst we haven't received any negative feedback about the new scheme to date, we would also like to hear about any negative experiences. Any issues or concerns will be taken directly to NHS England's national team so that they can be swiftly addressed.

It would be greatly appreciated if you could share this message with GPs in your local retention scheme. **Anyone who is interested in sharing their experiences, positive or negative, should contact Christopher Scott, BMA Workforce & Innovation Team, via cscott@bma.org.uk.**

Best wishes

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