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UPDATE ON OUTCOME OF NEGOTIATIONS ON GENERAL PRACTICE FUNDING

I am writing to update you on the outcome of our negotiations with the Scottish General Practice Committee of the BMA. BMA Scotland has agreed to end their trade dispute with Scottish Government and cease preparations for a ballot of members on industrial action, accepting our offer to increase investment in general practice. Implementation will begin from April 2026, subject to Parliamentary approval of the 2026-27 Budget, and be phased over three years (£98m in 26/27, accumulating to £183m in 27/28 with further accumulation to a recurring amount of £249m in 28/29), building on the added £15 million being allocated in 2025/26 to support workforce capacity.

Funding will be broadly directed into six priorities – core investment in workforce, practice expenses, digital and access, quality and data, premises, and inequalities. The key enablers around digital, data and quality, are essential to providing a strong foundation for increasing investment in years two and three.

This substantial investment recognises the pressures facing general practice. It supports the delivery principles of the Service Renewal Framework (SRF) - prevention, population, people, community and digital - to shift more care closer to home, as well as the ambitions of the Population Health Framework. The Scottish Government expects this investment to improve general practice sustainability and capacity and, in turn, to improve access and outcomes for patients.

Our ongoing engagement with Chief Executive and Chief Officer representatives has been invaluable in shaping the final offer, and we look forward to continued, constructive dialogue as we move into the next phase of discussions. Health Boards

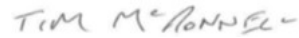
and Health and Social Care Partnerships will have an essential role in supporting delivery and we will be in touch with further detail on governance arrangements and the role of the General Practice Programme Board.

In the meantime, I'd like to take this opportunity to thank you for your ongoing engagement, which has been instrumental in helping us to reach this outcome.

Kind regards



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