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HOUSE OF COMMONS

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Dear Constance,

RE: STRENGTHENING GENERAL PRACTICE SERVICES.

Thank you for your recent correspondence in respect of your concerns regarding strengthening general practice services; your comments upon which I have read with great interest.

Supporting general practice is at the heart of the delivery of the *NHS Long Term Plan (LTP)*. That is why, as part of the plan, investment in primary and community care is set to receive at least £4.5 billion more a year in additional funding by 2023/24. This is one of the largest uplifts in the £33.9 billion increase to NHS England's budget by 2023/24, and will mean primary and community funding will grow faster than the rising NHS budget.

Since the launch of the *NHS Long Term Plan*, NHS England and the British Medical Association's General Practitioners Committee agreed a five-year GP (General Medical Services) contract framework from 2019/20. The contract is delivering the most ambitious reform in general practice in a generation, seeing billions of extra investments for improved access to family doctors, expanded services at local practices and longer appointments for patients who need them.

The *NHS Long Term Plan* seeks to encourage more collaboration between GPs, their teams and community services, as primary care networks (PCN). PCNs will increase the focus on NHS organisations working with their local partners to plan and deliver services which meet the needs of their communities.

Increasing the number of nurses and doctors working in general practice is a government priority too and will be boosted by increased funding for the core GP contract, which is set to rise by £978 million a year by 2023/24.

The Government remains committed to delivering 6,000 additional GPs as soon as possible, through new incentives for training, recruitment, retention and return to practice. Indeed, I am delighted that we have a record number of GPs in training and that these measures will contribute to the delivery of 50 million more appointments in GP surgeries.

Once again, thank you for having taken the time to contact me and if I can ever be of any further assistance to you then please do not hesitate to contact me again.

With best wishes,

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