

Dear Colleagues

Supporting General practice; additional £150 million funding.

The accompanying letter outlines a funding programme that was announced at the same time as the invitation for General Practice to participate in the Covid19 vaccination programme but is contractually decoupled from it.

NHS England has secured an additional £150 million non-recurrent funding to support General Practice until March 2021; this has been split between ICS areas on a capitation basis, with the following LMC Confederation ICS distribution:

SW London receiving £3.99 million.

Surrey Heartlands: £2.54 million

Sussex: £4.6 million

Frimley £2.4 million

NHS England has stated this funding is specifically ring-fenced for General Practice and has asked that it is distributed speedily and without overly burdensome administrative processes: initial LMC discussion with CCGs suggests they wish to follow this guidance.

The funding is designed to support two aspects of General Practice,

- Specific workload issues, including
 - maintaining the Shielding List
 - progressing delivery of the LD Health Check programme
 - maintaining work on outstanding routinely scheduled immunisation programmes
 - actions to improve recording ethnicity data in GP systems
 - continuing to prioritise and support patients' chronic disease management, and those who are clinically extremely vulnerable
 - taking first steps in identifying and supporting patients with Long Covid
 - establishing a simple Covid19 oximetry at home model
- Workforce issues
 - increase GP numbers and capacity; this may include supporting additional salaried GP roles, employing staff to help with Covid, or increase the time commitments of existing staff.
 - potentially offering backfill for staff absences where this is agreed by the CCG, required to meet demand, and the individual is not able to work remotely.


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As noted, this is nonrecurrent money described as the total available to General Practice, aside from the Covid19 funding, until March 2021.

Preliminary LMC discussions with all CCGs are positive and I hope rapid progress will be made. I will write to all practices regarding this programme once further information is available

With best wishes

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Julius', written in a cursive style.

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