

To: All Practices in Surrey and Sussex LMCs

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Dear Colleagues

Supporting General Practice: Additional £120 million funding April – September 2021

I am writing to all colleagues to note NHS England's announcement that the General Practice Covid 19 Covid Capacity Expansion Fund previously announced in November 2020 [and representing £150 million allocated by Integrated Care System across England] is being expanded to cover the period April – September 2021. Although the letter announcing this makes reference to the priorities announced in November 2020 (see below) and states this money is ring-fenced exclusively for General Practice there are a number of differences in approach:

- The funding is being allocated on a tapering monthly basis (April/May £30 million; June/July £20 million; August/September £10 million)
- ICS are expected to prioritise spending on any PCNs committed to delivering the Covid Vaccination Programme (including Phase 2 – cohorts 10-12) as their capacity requirements are greater

The seven priorities identified in the November letter were:

Service Delivery

- The Covid Oximetry@home model
- First steps in supporting and identifying patients with Long Covid
- Continuing to support clinically extremely vulnerable patients and maintain the shielding list
- Make inroads into the backlog of appointments, including for chronic disease management and routine vaccinations and immunisations
- Make significant progress on LD Health Checks

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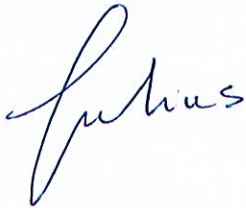
Capacity

- Increasing GP number and capacity
- Offering backfill when required to meet demand, including where an individual is not able to work remotely, where agreed by the CCG.

As before, this funding is non-recurrent and not expected to support initiatives extending beyond its six month allocation.

Colleagues will recall the previous £150 million ICS funding was allocated in its entirety to GP practices on a capitation basis in Sussex, Surrey Heartlands, and SW London. The LMC has contacted these CCG areas to discuss allocation of this second tranche of funding, given the similar aims of the process, and will be in contact with practices once this process is agreed.

With best wishes

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

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