

Dear XX MP,

Thank you for your letter dated X. In respect of the information you have requested via Freedom of Information please find our response below.

INSERT HERE response to FOI questions.

As I note your interest in the current crisis facing GPs and their patients, I also thought it may be helpful to outline why GP practices across the country are experiencing significant and growing strain and the solutions which are needed to address this for GPs and patients alike.

General practice has seen demand grow and grow over the past decade. April 2025 saw a record-high of 63.77 million patients registered with GP practices in England. This represents an increase of 6.87 million since 2015, with the average number of patients each full-time equivalent GP is now responsible for standing at 2,257- an increase of 320 patients per GP (16.5%) since 2015. In total approximately 161.8 million appointments were delivered by GPs over the 12 months to April 2025.

While patient demand continues to grow GP numbers are not keeping pace. In April 2025 there were the equivalent of 1,115 fewer fully qualified full-time GPs than there were in September 2015. It is simply the case that there are not enough GPs to keep up with the current demand. More must be done to stop GPs leaving the profession due to burnout, unmanageable workloads, and the pull of more attractive careers abroad. Simultaneously there must also be action to prevent the counterproductive situation we are currently facing whereby many GPs are actually experiencing under or unemployment.

The BMA has produced a report entitled [‘The Value of a GP’](#) which outlines how this crisis can be solved by restoring core GP funding, expanding and retaining the GP workforce, protecting continuity of care, and ensuring GPs are empowered to lead in providing safe, high quality, community based care.

I hope that you will take the time to consider this report, and we hope that you will be able to offer your support to the solutions contained within it to support GPs to meet the needs of their patients both now and in the future.