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Dear Practices,

New Contract MDT Practice Support

I know many of you are currently struggling with very high levels of patient demand as the lockdown rules are eased. After more than a year of this pandemic, it continues to be an incredibly difficult time for GP practices and I am immensely proud of how well you have responded.

In March we advised Scottish Government of the many things they could do to help general practice recover – not least public messaging for better recognition and understanding of the huge stresses that general practice is coping with. I will be raising these issues with Humza Yousaf MSP, the new Cabinet Secretary for Health, at our first meeting.

As well as coping with the pandemic and the recovery, we continue to push for delivery of the commitments within the 2018 Scottish GMS contract. It would help us greatly in our on-going discussions with the Scottish Government if **each practice could find the time to complete [this survey](#)** which seeks to establish exactly how much additional MDT support your practice currently receives as a consequence of the contract agreement.

While in places good progress with the transformation of general practice has been made, we are aware progress is patchy in many areas and that ultimately the April 2021 delivery deadline was not achieved. The Covid 19 pandemic slowed transformation, however it was clear before Covid that other issues were contributing to the delays we are now seeing. Following the [Joint letter](#) of 2nd December 2020, where we agreed with Scottish Government a schedule for regulatory change to drive transformation progress to conclusion, we continue to push towards making the necessary transformation a reality.

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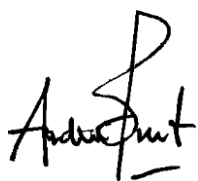
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In many HSCP areas provision of service is described as 'partial' in returns to Scottish Government. This covers a wide variety of delivery levels. So in order to better understand exactly what that means at an individual practice level, it is very important that we hear directly from you what is happening in your practice.

The survey will close on 07 July 2021 and I'd be very grateful if you could return your data to us before then.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Andrew Buist'. The signature is stylized with a large, looped 'B' and 'u'.

Dr Andrew Buist
Chair, BMA Scottish GP Committee