

## News from the GPC

**Call to action for general practice** The BMA's GP Committee for England (GPCE) has published our [Call to action \(CTA\) for general practice](#), created by GPs for GPs, which is our strategy for what we need to provide high-quality care for our patients and which compiles what we want to see in the next round of contract negotiations.

GPCE wants the Government to trust GPs to deliver the care that our patients deserve, and to do this, we need:

- **more investment in general practice** to deliver better local, long-term care for patients
- support with **expanding the GP workforce** so that we have the equivalent of at least 40,000 full-time, qualified GPs in post by 2030/31
- **safer, greener infrastructure** to bring general practices into the 21<sup>st</sup> century and provide better care
- **more control** to practices so they can work collaboratively at scale, while offering continuity of care
- the necessary **time** to provide better quality care by removing unnecessary bureaucracy and box-ticking.

### **GPCE concerns about new health data deal for large multinational firm**

Responding to news reports that NHS England has awarded Palantir a new deal to transition existing NHS projects into a new federated data platform (potentially worth over £400m), David Wrigley, deputy chair and digital lead of GPC England, said:

"GPs have long raised concerns about the appropriate use of patient data, and today's decision by the Government to give £25m to a huge US-based multinational company, to do further work on a large NHS patient data project, only exacerbates these concerns."

We have called for NHSE and DHSC to urgently discuss with us how they plan to use confidential patient data within this data platform and what role Palantir will play. Read our full statement [here](#)

### **2023/24 PCN DES ready reckoner now available on NHSE website**

As with previous years, NHSE has updated the [PCN DES ready reckoner](#) originally agreed at the start of the 2019-24 contract framework for use by GP practices. Should you have any questions or queries about it, please contact [info.gpc@bma.org.uk](mailto:info.gpc@bma.org.uk)