**To: GP Practices**

Dear Colleague

**Subject: New contract for GP clinical IT systems**

The current GP Systems of Choice (GPSoC) contract, under which the core clinical systems (EMIS, TPP SystmOne, Vision and Microtest) and other subsidiary systems and services are provided to all GP practices, comes to an end in December 2019.

The new contract, *GP IT Futures: Digital Care Services (DCS) Framework*, will replace the GPSoC contract from January 2020. It aims to more effectively support GP Practices to meet the digital commitments detailed in the Long Term Plan for the NHS, the new five-year GP contract and is aligned to the Secretary of State’s Technology Vision. It includes a set of common and open technology and data standards for clinical IT systems, delivered by suppliers, to meet the emerging and future demands of general practice, Primary Care Networks and new care models. These standards will enable all parts of the NHS to become connected, enabling improved care for patients.

The Invitation to Tender (ITT) for the new framework closed in early August 2019 with a substantial number of bids from current and new suppliers. Evaluation of the tenders is underway with supplier contracts planned to be awarded in 3rd quarter 2019 and available to purchase on a new buying catalogue.

The new buying catalogue will make it easier for commissioners and practices to understand the systems and services available, supporting practices to select those that best meet their requirements including any responsibilities related to Primary Care Networks.

Work on continuity/transition arrangements from the GPSoC contract to the new GP IT Futures: Digital Care Services (DCS) Framework for practices will continue throughout 2019, ensuring all practices have access to the systems and services they need without any interruption throughout this period.

To support practices working collaboratively across Primary Care Networks who may choose to implement systems that meet the Secretary of State’s vision for digital, data and technology, a limited innovation fund will be made available, with the fund used to support systems implementation. Further details of the innovation fund and associated eligibility criteria will be available in due course.

You will hear more from your CCG about the transition arrangements and the range of systems and services available in the coming months. Although the existing contracts need to be replaced, there is no requirement for you to change your current clinical system.

To learn more about the GP IT Futures framework, please use the link below:

<https://digital.nhs.uk/services/future-gp-it-systems-and-services>

Thank you for your support.

Yours sincerely,

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