## Primary Care Directorate GP Contract Division



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Dear Colleague

The 2018 GP Contract Offer ("the Contract") was underpinned by a Memorandum of Understanding ("MoU") which set out an agreement between Scottish Government, SGPC, Integration Authorities, and Health Boards on how to implement and deliver the Contract.

The MoU covered the period from 1 April 2018 until 31 March 2021 three years being the negotiated period for implementation of the Contract. Scottish Government and SGPC have since recognised that it has not been possible for full implementation to be achieved by the original deadlines, in part as a result of the Covid pandemic, and agreed that the timeframe for implementation needed to be revised and extended. Details are outlined in the joint letter issued in December 2020. We therefore intend to issue an updated MOU as soon as possible. Until that time, the original MoU remains in effect until an updated version is agreed.

While the updated MoU will not change the focus or the commitments of the original it will build upon what we have learnt since 2018 about developing and transferring services.

Yours sincerely

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