

Core brief

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Introduction

This issue of Core Brief details proposed new contract for GPs and an NHSGGC news release on COPD patient who praises treatment.

Proposed new contract for GPs unveiled

A proposed new GP contract has been unveiled today representing the biggest reform of GP services in more than a decade.

Jointly designed and agreed with the British Medical Association, the proposals aim to ensure GPs can give more time to seeing patients most in need of their skills.

Launching the contract in Clydebank today Health Secretary Shona Robison said: "We've worked closely in partnership with the British Medical Association on shaping the future of general practice and primary care and we are confident that this contract best supports Scotland's healthcare needs while also making general practice an even more attractive career prospect for doctors."

The move is part of an overall transformation in community health services which will see an additional £500 million invested every year by 2021, £250 million of which will be invested in direct support of general practice.

GPs have between December 7 2017 and January 4 2018 to take part the a poll on whether to accept the new contract, which will come into effect on 1 April 2018.

Scottish GP Chair of the BMA Alan McDevitt said: "I truly believe that we have negotiated a contract that will make general practice sustainable for the future.

"Our aim was to reduce workload pressures, reduce individual risk and stabilise practice income, and these are all addressed in this contract.

"This historic agreement will help make general practice an attractive career choice once more."

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COPD patient praises treatment for 'giving him his life back'

A 71-year-old Milngavie man, who slept in a chair for two years as he couldn't breathe when he lay down, is hailing a new NHS treatment plan for 'giving him his life back'.

Ken Rutherford, who has suffered from COPD for three years, is now back in his bed and sleeping well thanks to a new treatment plan which sees medics monitor his breathing remotely.

Each night Ken sleeps with a mask, which gives him air and oxygen, and the information is relayed back to doctors at Gartnavel General Hospital in Glasgow, including Dr Chris Carlin who first put Ken on the treatment.

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