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Dear Patients,

You may have seen information in the news and on social media about changes in General Practice. We want to clarify what this means for you and our practice.

General Practice has been under increasing pressure due to years of underfunding. Despite these challenges, we are committed to providing safe and quality care. To achieve this, we are implementing new guidelines to ensure our services remain effective and sustainable.

Key Facts:

- General Practice receives only 6% of the NHS budget to handle over 90% of NHS appointments.
- Since 2015, we've lost 1,790 full-time equivalent GPs and 106 practices, while gaining 6 million more patients.
- We receive just 30p per day for each registered patient, which is less than the cost of an apple.
- In the past five years, GP Practices have lost £660 million in funding.

Starting 1st September 2024, we will be amending our GP appointments to follow BMA safe working guidance. This change ensures that each patient receives the time and attention they need during their visit. While this might reduce the number of available appointments, it is necessary to maintain high standards of care and protect both our patients and staff.

These measures are crucial for making sure we can continue to offer the best possible care.

We appreciate your understanding and cooperation as we navigate these changes. Our goal is to ensure a safe and effective healthcare environment for everyone.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely

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