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An open letter to patients of GP surgeries in Nottinghamshire

We write on behalf of all GPs in Nottinghamshire as their representative body.

We know that it can be really frustrating trying to get seen when you want to. At times your practice may not be able to see you as quickly as you would like, their staff are working hard in difficult conditions to provide the best service that they can. There are high levels of stress and burnout being experienced by GPs and their team members and it is of great concern to us. There have been many aggressive acts including violence against reception and other staff across the country and we appeal to you to treat those trying to help you with kindness and patience.

Our practices are finding it difficult to work how they want due to financial constraints put upon them. You may be aware that many experienced GPs as well as newly trained ones now struggle to find work, this is because many surgeries now cannot afford to bring new GPs into their teams even when they desperately need them.

General practices receive approximately 8% of the whole NHS budget despite delivering around 90% of the work. Practices are paid £107.57 per patient per year which works out at just 30 pence per day no matter what your health needs. Clearly, we cannot deliver the services that we want to for this.

We would urge you to contact your local MP (<https://members.parliament.uk/FindYourMP>) to express your concerns over the lack of support being given to your local GP surgery by the government.

Our GPs and their teams deserve better, and **you deserve better**.

Yours Sincerely



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