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Dear

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION – GMS CONTRACT

I write in response to your request for information in relation to the GMS Contract.

Question:

- Please provide me with the following information and documentation in relation to [Craigmillar Medical Group](#), [West End Medical Practice](#) and [Hopetoun Practice](#) relating to the period beginning 1 January 2023 onwards:
 1. all contractual documentation between NHS Lothian Health Board and the GP practices, in particular by way of implementation of the GMS contract;

Answer:

The GMS Contract is nationally agreed and is a standardised contract for all independent GP practices across Scotland including The Hopetoun Practice, Craigmillar Medical Group and West End Medical Practice. National contract changes are negotiated between the Scottish Government and the BMA's Scottish GP Committee (SGPC), then implemented across Scotland.

The health board distributes information relating to the GMS Contract via circulars issued by Scottish Government. These circulars are published and can be found here - [NHS Scotland - Publications](#)

Contractual information held in relation to these 3 practices since 1 January 2023 relates to boundary changes and partnership changes rather than implementation of the contract. If you require further information, please clarify.

Question:

2. Details of the dispute resolution mechanism for contracts with the GP practices;

Answer:

The National Health Service (General Medical Services Contracts) (Scotland) Regulations 2018 set out the contractual arrangements for the provision of GMS in Scotland. This includes

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the provision for local resolution of contract disputes where these arise out of or in connection with the contract or agreement. [The National Health Service \(General Medical Services Contracts\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2018](#)

Question:

3. Details of any enhanced services provided by the GP practices under the GMS contract; and

Answer:

Enhanced Services are services that GP practices may provide in addition to the core GMS contract, some are offered nationally and others are offered locally by health boards. Practices sign up annually to Enhanced Services offered and the contract year runs from 1 April to 31 March.

Attached is the sign-up position for the 3 practices between 2021 – 2026 as requested. Participation in the Enhanced Service offered is noted with a '1'.

Question:

4. Details of how the delivery of essential services by the GP practices under the GMS contract is monitored

Answer:

GPs are required to provide essential services under the GMS contract to diagnose, treat, refer, support, and coordinate care for registered patients.

GP contractors are required to provide assurance to the healthboard in relation to aspects of their contract via an annual return. This information is reviewed and followed up with the practice if further clarification is required/action is to be taken to improve.

A formal request in relation to Health and Safety requirements has also been undertaken and will be carried out annually. Again, this information is reviewed and followed up with the practice if further clarification is required/action is to be taken to improve.

Should any concerns be brought to our attention, they would be reviewed and escalated via the necessary channels.

I hope the information provided helps with your request.

If you are unhappy with our response to your request, you do have the right to request us to review it. Your request should be made within 40 working days of receipt of this letter, and we will reply within 20 working days of receipt. If our decision is unchanged following a review and you remain dissatisfied with this, you then have the right to make a formal complaint to the Scottish Information Commissioner within 6 months of receipt of our review response. You can do this by

using the Scottish Information Commissioner's Office online appeals service at www.itspublicknowledge.info/Appeal. If you remain dissatisfied with the Commissioner's response you then have the option to appeal to the Court of Session on a point of law.

If you require a review of our decision to be carried out, please write to the FOI Reviewer at the email address at the head of this letter. The review will be undertaken by a Reviewer who was not involved in the original decision-making process.

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Yours sincerely

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Enhanced Services Offered/Provided since 2021

	Extended Hours	Anti-coagulation (INR)	Disease Modifying Drugs	Adults with Learning Disabilities	COPD Pulmonary Rehabilitation	Alcohol Brief Interventions		Diabetes Type 2 - Diagnosis & Management	Hepatitis A & B	Hepatitis C (BBV)	Human Papilloma Virus (HPV)	Influenza: GPs and their staff and care home staff	Influenza: Primary School children at risk	Men ACWY for university Freshers and young people aged 16-18	Minor Injuries	Minor Surgery	MMR	Phlebomy 1 - Domiciliary Based	Phlebomy 2 - Practice Based	Pneumococcal < 65 at risk	vLARC (very long acting reversible contraception)	Hepatitis B for Foster Carers
2021-2022																						
CRAIGMILLAR MEDICAL GROUP	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
WEST END MEDICAL PRACTICE	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
THE HOPETOUN PRACTICE	0	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1

	Extended Hours	Palliative Care	Disease Modifying Drugs	Drug Dependence	Child Health and Wellbeing	QI and Safety in Primary Care	Anticipatory Care (Care Homes)	Hepatitis C (BBV)	Minor Injuries	Minor Surgery	Phlebomy 1 - Domiciliary Based	Phlebomy 2 - Practice Based	vLARC (very long acting reversible contraception)
2022-2023													
CRAIGMILLAR MEDICAL GROUP	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
WEST END MEDICAL PRACTICE	1	1	1	1	1	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
THE HOPETOUN PRACTICE	0	1	1	1	1	1	0	1	0	1	1	1	1

	Extended Hours	Palliative Care	Disease Modifying Drugs	Drug Dependence	Child Health and Wellbeing	QI and Safety in Primary Care	Anticipatory Care (Care Homes)	Hepatitis C (BBV)	Minor Injuries	Minor Surgery	Phlebomy 1 - Domiciliary Based	Phlebomy 2 - Practice Based	vLARC (very long acting reversible contraception)
2023-2024													
CRAIGMILLAR MEDICAL GROUP	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	1	1	1	1
WEST END MEDICAL PRACTICE	1	1	1	1	1	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
THE HOPETOUN PRACTICE	0	1	1	1	1	1	0	1	0	1	1	1	1

	Extended Hours	Palliative Care	High Risk Prescribing & Monitoring	Drug Dependence	Child Health and Wellbeing	QI and Safety in Primary Care	Anticipatory Care (Care Homes)	Hepatitis C (BBV)	Minor Injuries	Minor Surgery	Phlebomy 1 - Domiciliary Based	Phlebomy 2 - Practice Based	vLARC (very long acting reversible contraception)
2024-2025													
CRAIGMILLAR MEDICAL GROUP	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	1	1	1	1
WEST END MEDICAL PRACTICE	1	1	1	1	1	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
THE HOPETOUN PRACTICE	0	1	1	1	1	1	0	1	0	1	1	1	1

	Extended Hours	Palliative Care	High Risk Prescribing & Monitoring	Drug Dependence	Child Health and Wellbeing	QI and Safety in Primary Care	Lead Practice for Care Homes (for Older People)	Prediabetes	Hepatitis C (BBV)	Minor Injuries	Minor Surgery	Phlebomy 1 - Domiciliary Based	Phlebomy 2 - Practice Based	vLARC (very long acting reversible contraception)	Frailty LES	Frailty DES	Cardiovascular Disease Prevention
2025-2026																	
CRAIGMILLAR MEDICAL GROUP	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	1	1	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
WEST END MEDICAL PRACTICE	1	1	1	1	1	0	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	1
THE HOPETOUN PRACTICE	1	0	1	1	1	1	0	1	1	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1