

Key campaign messages

- General practice conducts 90% of patient contacts in the NHS for just 8.39% of the UK NHS budget.
- Between 2005/06 and 2011/12, the UK NHS budget grew by around 18% in real terms, but funding for general practice fell by approximately 8%.
- According to Deloitte, if current trends continue, general practice will only receive 7.29% of the UK NHS budget by 2017/18.
- The number of patient consultations in the UK is estimated to rise to an historic high of at least 441m by 2017/18 – up from at least 388m in 2013/14 and 327m in 2008/09.
- Based on the current trajectory, Deloitte says that by 2017/18 general practice in England is projected to receive just 7.28% of the NHS budget (down from 8.5%); Scotland will receive just 7.4% (down from 7.78%) and Wales will receive just 7.52% (down from 7.77%).
- Although funding projections are not available for Northern Ireland, more than three fifths of the public in Northern Ireland believe that the sheer volume of patient consultations being carried out by GPs is a threat to the level of patient care.



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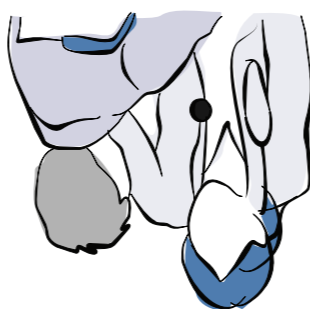
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If you need extra pages, please download and print them from the resources page of the website
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The future of general practice?

- Waiting times to see a GP or practice nurse are soaring
- Funding for general practice is plummeting
- Up to 100 practices in the UK — serving 700,000 patients — face closure over the next few months

Don't let this be the future of general practice — sign this petition TODAY!

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