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Dear Doctor

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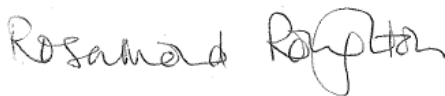
Support to GP Practices for medical records movements

The 2017/18 funding settlement for general practice includes an allocation relating to patient record movements. This is to reflect the fact that, whilst the new system is bedding in, it is likely that there will be a small additional workload associated with adjusting to the new way of packaging and transferring patient records between practices.

Whilst the 2017/18 funding settlement provides funding to support the adjustment to patient records processes going forwards, we are also conscious that the changes were first partly introduced in April 2016 and, therefore, there has been a workload impact over the course of the last year. Accommodating these changes has fallen particularly on practice managers and practice administrative staff and we are grateful for the hard work, dedication, patience and support of practice staff as we work to implement the new system. In recognition of this, and to contribute to the additional costs already incurred by GP practices since April 2016, NHS England has agreed with the GPC, to make a non-recurrent contribution to GP practices based on a standard rate of £250 per practice. This will be paid automatically alongside your contractual payment by no later than 30 April 2017.

If you have any questions or concerns about this matter please contact
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Best wishes,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Rosamond Roughton'.

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