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Dear Adam,

Re: Local Enhanced Services

We'd like to thank you, LMC colleagues and more widely practices for engaging with the ICB over many months regarding the future commissioning of Local Enhanced Services (LES).

You are aware that the ICB inherited inconsistent LES commissioning arrangements and committed to consistently commissioning LES. This has involved considerable work to review all currently commissioned LES and the development of plans to decommission some LES, continue to commission some LES and newly commission other LES, including a significantly refocused LTC LES. These plans have included developing new service specifications, pricing and payment arrangements. They also involve decommissioning some community and hospital services and the left shift of funding to invest in LES consistent commissioning.

The ICB remains committed to these plans although, due to its significantly changed financial context and being part of the national recovery programme, will not be able to initially consistently implement all of them from 1 April 2025. In 2025/26 the ICB will:

1. Consistently commission all the planned routine LES from 1 May 2025 at prices previously circulated
  - Please see the list of LES in Appendix 1
  - You'll note that this currently does not include the Medicines Optimisation LES which is subject to ongoing ICB discussion and in the meantime the current commissioning arrangements/payments will remain unchanged
2. Staged commissioning of the LTC LES ensuring that practices have the ability to earn either:
  - Existing total LES income (Fylde Coast and Central Lancashire)
  - Or a stepped increase in total LES income followed by further increases when service left shift funding is realised from decommissioning relevant community and hospital services (Morecambe Bay, Blackburn with Darwen, East Lancashire and West Lancashire)
  - This will be a priority for the primary care team over the next few months with the aim of realising the left shift funding no later than September 2025
  - Revised LTC LES activity and funding information will be circulated shortly

We are aware that this is complicated and means different things for different practices and have summarised for each place in the table below. We hope you will recognise that what we have managed to agree represents a significant initial move to consistently commission all LES. We have an ambition to increase investment in primary care and make decisions which shift investment from acute to community which this sets out to start to deliver in 2025/26 and progress over the coming years.

GPQC/LTC LES	BwD	Blackpool	MB	Fylde	East	GrP	CSR	West
Total current LES and GPQC (2024/25)	£11.59	£20.26	£11.79	£20.62	£14.17	£20.47	£21.33	£13.45
Total proposed LTC LES (2025/26)	£5.74	£7.37	£5.74	£7.73	£5.74	£7.58	£8.44	£5.74
Total proposed Routine LES (2025/26)	£12.89	£12.89	£12.89	£12.89	£12.89	£12.89	£12.89	£12.89
Difference	£7.04	£0.00	£6.84	£0.00	£4.46	£0.00	£0.00	£5.18

We are however conscious that this does not yet fully deliver our commitment and plans and understand that practices will be disappointed. We'd also like to apologise that we have not been in a position to communicate sooner.

We'd also like to recognise the exhaustive efforts of the ICB primary care team and the ICB executive team to secure this additional investment considering the wider financial context and would be grateful if the LMC and practices could continue to constructively engage with the team to progress delivery.

Yours sincerely,



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## Appendix 1

LES	
<i>Post bariatric monitoring</i>	<i>ECGs</i>
<i>Dementia</i>	<i>Phlebotomy</i>
<i>Complex Injections</i>	<i>Wound care</i>
<i>Ring pessary</i>	<i>PSA testing</i>
<i>Spiro/feno</i>	<i>Advice and guidance</i>
<i>Care homes</i>	<i>End of Life</i>
<i>Diabetes</i>	<i>Simple Injections</i>
<i>Shared care</i>	

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