

Dear Colleagues

Message from NHS England and NHS Business Service Authority for GPs who are members of the NHS Pension Scheme

All practices should have been sent the enclosed message and I would be grateful if this could be circulated to all GPs [including locums] associated with your practice.

The NHS Business Service Authority (NSH BSA) is responsible for administering the NHS Pension Scheme, and, since September 2015, Primary Care Services England, run by Capita, is responsible for the administration of GP pension contributions.

An NHS England quality assurance records review has revealed in a small sample of records discrepancies between some GP pensionable earnings and the contribution data provided to NHS BSA.

This does not mean any risk to any colleagues pension entitlement; however, a review of all data lead jointly between Capita and an external independent expert is to be conducted to identify any discrepancies. This will initially prioritise those:-

- GPs who have recently retired
- GPs who are 56 or over
- GPs who have died in service

At present colleagues need take no action; if there are discrepancies identified in any GPs data, they will be contacted on an individual basis and given clear advice on what to do next.

Quite clearly this, as NHS England recognises, is a reputationally damaging issue that has the potential to further undermine GP morale; this is why independent external expertise (from Price Waterhouse Cooper (PWC)) is being used to help undertake the review process and the HMRC and the Government Actuary Department will provide additional support in terms of any action GPs may be asked to take.

With best wishes



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