



WHY IS YOUR GP PRACTICE SO PRESSURED?

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| <p>There is a sustainability crisis in General Practice</p> <p>Click Link or scan QR Code: BMA Scotland's GP Sustainability Dashboard</p>  | <p>Workload Crisis in General Practice</p> <p>Click Link or scan QR Code: Safe Workload Guidance for GPs</p>  | <p>Increasing Patient Numbers</p> <p>There are 451,122 more patients registered with GP practices in Scotland in 2024 than 2012.</p> |
| <p>The Number of Doctors becoming GPs is falling</p> <p>Scottish Government promised 800 new GPs, but the reality is the numbers are reducing. The number of full time equivalent GPs has fallen by 5.35% (approx. 200) full-time GPs in 10 years.</p> | <p>There are fewer GP Practices</p> <p>The number of GP practices in Scotland has fallen by 11%. (from 997 in 2012 to 889 in 2024) This will continue unless urgent action is taken.</p> | <p>2018 GP Contract failed to deliver it's promises</p> <p>The expanded Practice based teams, services and support have not materialised as they should have. Government funding reduced in real terms</p> |
| <p>Lack of investment in General Practice Premises</p> <p>Lack for funding for GP Practice buildings and infrastructure contribute to challenges. In many cases preventing improved access to care for patients.</p> | <p>High levels of GP Vacancies</p> <p>42% of Practices in Scotland report at least one GP vacancy. The number of GP partners has reduced by 14% between 2012 and 2022.</p> | <p>Insufficient Funding</p> <p>Successive years of underfunding to general practices to cover staff pay and practice expenses has increased the financial pressures on practices.</p> |
| <p>A smaller share of the overall NHS Budget for General Practice</p> <p>Over the past 20 years the share of the NHS budget for general practice has declined. It is now only 6.5% of the overall NHS Scotland budget.</p> | <p>Patients contact General Practice more often</p> <p>There are several reasons for this including an ageing population, more complex care delivered in General practice, longer hospital and specialist waiting times.</p> | <p>No electronic Prescriptions system</p> <p>Scotland is the only part of the UK that does not have this, despite it being a key Scottish Government commitment. Electronic prescriptions would save time, resources and reduce environmental impact.</p> |

The Scottish Government need to do more to directly support General Practice
Please contact your MSP and support your GP Practice. Their contact details can be found [here](#)