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Dear Colleague,

My purpose in writing to you today is to provide you with some information on the practice premises revaluation exercise and quality improvement activity.

Practice Premises Revaluation Exercise 2021

In light of the ongoing COVID-19 restrictions, there will be no practice premises revaluation exercise in 2021. Practices that are eligible for reimbursement of rental expenses will continue to receive these payments in 2021 based on the market rental valuation from the most recent revaluation exercise.

Ad-hoc valuations will still be provided where there has been capital investment in the premises; there is a change to the purpose for which the practice is used; the practice relocates to new premises; and when a new practice opens.

Practices will still be required to submit a GP234 to Practitioner Services in 2021. However, it will not need to be verified by an accountant unless a practice wishes to report a change in their NHS/private split. The GP234 form on Practitoner Services' website has been updated to add the option for practitioners to self-declare that there has been no change in their NHS/private split.

A PCA with further information and guidance will follow in the spring.

Quality Improvement (QI)

As a result of practice staff undertaking reviews of the practice to ensure that they are COVID safe at each stage of the remobilisation of NHS dental services, I can confirm that all dental contractors will be considered to be compliant in terms of the required number of hours within the current 2019-22 QI cycle. Any contractors who still wish to complete QI within the current cycle are welcome to do so and would still be eligible for QI allowance payments. For those contractors who choose to be 'considered compliant' and do not complete any QI activity within the 2019-22 cycle, no QI allowance will be payable.







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It should be noted that all outstanding requirements from previous cycles will still have to be completed within the relevant timeframe.

Yours sincerely,

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