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By email only
To all Wessex Primary Care Locum doctors

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Dear Doctor

GP Appraisal funding and payments

I write to advise you that the Wessex Area Team has received advice from NHS England's Medical Director that payments to primary care locums undergoing appraisal is not sustainable in the new financial environment.

It is now every doctor's professional responsibility to undergo appraisal as part of revalidation - the process by which the General Medical Council (GMC) confirms the continuation of your licence to practise in the UK. NHS England is committed to facilitating your progression towards revalidation by continuing to provide appraisal to all doctors with a prescribed connection and by making provision for you to formally link to a Responsible Officer who will make a recommendation to the GMC free of charge at the appropriate time.

In light of this advice the Wessex Area Team will only honour invoices in respect of primary care locum payments for undertaking appraisal if they are received in this office on or before 30 June 2013. Any invoice received after this date will not be authorised for payment.

Should you have any queries regarding this letter, please do not hesitate to contact me using the contact details shown above.

Yours sincerely



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Cc: Health Education Wessex (GP Appraisal Programme Team)
Wessex Local Medical Committee

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