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You may have seen the recent practice level data shared by NHS Digital last week. Gloucestershire LMC is aware that this data is experimental. It cannot be used to compare or assess the level of care provided by individual GP surgeries as it does not take account of the variabilities between practices including size, clinical staffing, and patient demographics, nor the diverse ways in which they provide clinical care to their patients.

The BMA has released the following statement on the data:

[GPs pushed to the limit to keep up with patient demand, BMA warns - BMA media centre - BMA](#)

In October practices in Gloucestershire offered 16% more appointments than the previous month, with over 307,000 patients seen face to face. 72% of patients were seen within 2 weeks, above the national average.

GP practice teams continue to work incredibly hard to provide care to their patients, at a time when demand for appointments is increasing. Currently Gloucestershire requires 79 FTE additional GPs to meet the BMA GP to patient recommended ratio. They are using additional clinical roles where available to support with patient care and improve access to appointments including nurse practitioners, paramedics, physicians associates and pharmacists.

Please show kindness and respect when dealing with the staff at your practice, they are all doing their best to provide care to patients.

Yours Sincerely



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