

Dominic Hardy
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Dear Dominic,

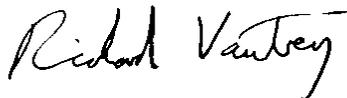
Thank you for your letter responding to GPC England's request to suspend QOF in England, an action that has already happened in Wales. We are very disappointed by your decision.

Practices have limited resources and are struggling to deal with their ever-expanding workload. The addition of winter pressures and the evidence of a rapidly rising number of influenza cases are resulting in GPs struggling to manage these urgent cases, let alone also deal with the necessary administration of the end of the QOF year. Ultimately this will lead to patients waiting longer with all the risks that that entails.

Much has been done to alleviate the pressures facing secondary care, and the hope was that NHS England would follow the sensible action that has been taken in Wales to alleviate GPs' workload.

Your decision was seen by the committee (and I expect by practices too) as a failure of NHS England to both understand the pressures practices are under, and to do anything material about it.

Yours sincerely



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Chair, General practitioners committee England