



# Department of Health & Social Care

*From the Ministerial Correspondence  
and Public Enquiries Unit*

*39 Victoria Street  
London  
SW1H 0EU*

Our ref: DE-1560010

20 January 2025

Dear Dr Nouri,

Thank you for your correspondence of 6 January to the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care about the effect on GP practices of the increase in employers' National Insurance (NI) contributions. I have been asked to reply.

I appreciate your concerns.

The Government have made the decisions to fix the foundations of the public finances in the Autumn Budget. Resource spending for the Department will be £22.6 billion more in 2025/26 than in 2023/24, as part of the Spending Review settlement. The employers' NI rise will be implemented in April 2025. The Government will set out further details on allocation of funding for next year in due course.

The Government recently announced a proposed funding increase for general practice for 2025/26 of £889 million, an increase of 7.2 per cent in cash terms.

Primary care providers – including general practices – are valued independent contractors that provide NHS services with a value of nearly £20 billion. Every year the Government consults with each contracted sector about the services it provides, and the money providers will be entitled to in return. The Government recently begun discussions on the annual GP contract, and the matter of the employers' NI increase will be dealt with as part of that process.

I am sorry I cannot be more directly helpful.

Yours sincerely,  
Correspondence Officer  
**Ministerial Correspondence and Public Enquiries**  
**Department of Health and Social Care**