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Dear Colleague

**Update (2) on GP Training Arrangements**

**PLEASE SHARE THIS LETTER WITH YOUR PRACTICE MANAGER**

I am writing with further information about revised terms and conditions applicable to GP registrars starting in practice from August 1<sup>st</sup> 2007. (Please note, the previous terms and conditions should continue to be applied for any GP registrars who have continuous previous employment in general practice from before August 1<sup>st</sup> 2007).

The BMA has now released the new model contract for GP registrars, which can be downloaded from either the BMA website or the Oxford Deanery website [www.bma.org.uk/ap.nsf/content/framecontractGPregs0707](http://www.bma.org.uk/ap.nsf/content/framecontractGPregs0707) or [www.oxford-pgmde.co.uk/gp/gp\\_educators/practice\\_manager.html](http://www.oxford-pgmde.co.uk/gp/gp_educators/practice_manager.html) The section on Salary and Allowances now refers to the Supplement as currently recommended by the Doctors and Dentists Review Body, and to the Motor Vehicle Allowance as defined in the Direction to Strategic Health Authorities Concerning GP Registrars.

As previously advised, the GP registrar supplement has been reduced from 65% to 55% for any GP Registrars commencing in practice after April 1<sup>st</sup> 2007. Again, any terms and conditions should continue to be applied for any GP registrars who have continuous previous employment in general practice from before April 1<sup>st</sup> 2007.

The regulations surrounding the car allowance are complicated, with differential rates for different annual mileages, but essentially involve the GP registrar keeping a record of business mileage incurred in employment as a GP registrar, verified by the GP trainer, and claimed directly from either the TVPCA or the relevant PCT for Bedfordshire, Northamptonshire and Warwickshire.

GPRs cannot claim for home to practice (base) travel unless they subsequently use their car for work, in which case they can claim for the business mileage plus their home to base return, subject to a maximum of 20 miles return. If they use their car to attend a training course then they should claim the difference between the normal home to base return mileage, and the home to training base return mileage. We have tried to design as straightforward as possible a claim form for GPRs, which will also help the TVPCA and PCTs determine whether the "standard" or "regular" rate is payable. We recommend the claims should be submitted no more than monthly but no less than every quarter, to the TVPCA.

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More detailed information can be downloaded from the NHS Employers website [GPR directions Schedules 1 and 2](#) (July 2007) or from the Oxford Deanery website [www.oxford-pgmde.co.uk/gp/gp\\_educators/practice\\_manager.html](http://www.oxford-pgmde.co.uk/gp/gp_educators/practice_manager.html)

Finally, I would like to draw your attention to the definition of the working week in the BMA contract: "the normal working week (excluding out-of-hours training) will comprise of 10 sessions which will be broken down as follows: 7 clinical, 2 structured educational (including day release/VTs) and 1 independent educational". GP registrars should not be working more than 7 clinical sessions a week, unless there are very specific training needs to gain clinical competencies, but there is no longer any entitlement to a half day, and I would expect arrangements to be comparable across the deanery to avoid any perception of unfairness between practices and districts.

I hope all this information will be helpful. We will update our deanery website with any further developments.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'S. Plint', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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