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Dear colleagues

**General Practice Pay Awards 2018/19 – letter from the BMA**

I am writing to you as you may have recently received a letter from Dr Richard Vautrey, Chair of the General Practitioners Committee of the BMA in relation to the 2018/19 pay awards.

I wrote to Directors of Commissioning on 26 July 2018, setting out the Government's decisions on the pay awards, a copy of which is attached. As you'll see, it is clear from that letter – and from the [Written Ministerial Statement](#) - that the additional 1% to which Richard refers is conditional on the ongoing contract negotiations and, if agreed, would only be payable from 1 April 2019. Accordingly, no provision has been made in 2018/19 primary care funding allocations for this conditional element.

CCGs should follow the Ministerial decision and national guidance set out in that letter.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Ed Waller'.

Ed Waller  
**Director**  
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