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Issues facing general practice at present:

With workforce, we are facing an ageing nursing workforce. We need to encourage student nurses into general practice to increase exposure of the role, career progression and opportunities to increase recruitment. Historically, general practice has refused student nurses due to lack of funding. I am aware there is a small amount of funding available for student nurses at present, this needs to be made aware to gp surgeries to encourage taking on students.

There needs to be funded training roles in place for advanced clinical practitioners in general practice like with gp registrars. It is hard to get the training and supervision when completing training. Also funding will help gp surgeries allow staff funded time to attend university and not done in their own time.

Nurses struggle with wound care patients in general practice. Chronic wounds are not being managed by complex wound clinics regularly and fall back on general practice to manage. When wound deteriorate, there are timely waits for secondary care (e.g. pilonidal sinus wound patients).

I have had issues with radiology with completing training to complete plain and non plain films in the past. New policies have only just been put into place, but the wait to be signed off and poor communication with radiology has been very frustrating. I have submitted my application twice, once when initially completing the training, the second when moving surgeries and needing to resubmit my application.

It took 6 months to get signed off the first time, and 15 months the second time. There needs to be better communication and processes in place to sign off acp's with plain and on plain films.

Many thanks

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