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Dear Colleague

**GP Systems of Choice: NHS Briefing**

The Department of Health today announced its intention to implement a new initiative for the provision of GP Clinical IT Systems. The new initiative, known as “GP Systems of Choice” (GPSoC), aims to ensure progressive improvement of the functionality available to GPs and their patients. There is no change to the strategic aim of a single overarching information system spanning primary and secondary care and GPSoC will help to achieve this aim until transition to the Local Service Provider (LSP) fully integrated solution is available in due course.

The proposed scheme will provide GPs across England with a choice of clinical IT systems and, when implemented, should improve the way in which GP systems are provided, funded and developed. Under GPSoC, GPs may:

- move to the GP clinical system(s) offered by their LSP
- keep their existing GP clinical system, undergoing upgrades as they become available under GPSoC
- move to another existing GP supplier’s clinical system.

The detailed arrangements for GPSoC are currently under development and are subject to business case approval and reaching agreement with suppliers.

I attach a short briefing document on GPSoC, together with a copy of the DH announcement, for your consideration and information. These documents can also be found at <http://www.connectingforhealth.nhs.uk/gpsoc>

This briefing is part of a wider GPSoC communications exercise which aims to ensure that stakeholders are kept up to date as progress is made on the GPSoC scheme. A list of recipients of this briefing can be found at the end of the letter. I would be grateful if you would forward this briefing pack to your local stakeholders.

Once you have considered the GPSoC proposal, we would very much value your feedback. Please feel free to email Kemi Adenubi, GPSoC Programme Director with any comments. She can be contacted via the GPSoC team mailbox: [gpsoc@cfh.nhs.uk](mailto:gpsoc@cfh.nhs.uk)

Yours sincerely

***By email***

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