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Dear Patient,

The NHS is in crisis.

- We're seeing 20% more patients than before the pandemic
- We're seeing more than 1 million patients per day
- Hospital waiting lists are increasing, meaning patients come back to General Practice

Our costs are rising, just as yours are – electricity, estates, supplies, paying our staff – yet we receive no additional funding or grants. We are all struggling to stay afloat. If this continues, your local practice may disappear.

As a patient, you would need to move to a neighbouring practice, and join a long list of people waiting for appointments.

At Village Surgery we are feeling the pressure and are working as hard as we can to provide the right care for our patients.

We are unable to recruit more staff, and cannot fund replacement of new staff which will mean for you:

- Wait times for appointments are longer
- We may not be able to respond as quickly to requests
- Medical reports, assessments or complaints may take longer

Other NHS services can help ease the pressure, so you maybe be signposted out of the surgery to their local pharmacy, walk-in-centre or other service. Please do take advantage of these options.

Please help us free up clinical time by trying to self-manage any minor illnesses, using NHS advice, visiting the pharmacy first and by attending health checks when invited to which aim to help keep you well at home.

We are worried and distressed about the current situation too and wish we could do more.

If you feel strongly about the issue of general practice funding, you may wish to contact your local member of parliament to express your views.

In the meantime, we will continue to do our best to support our patients and we appreciate your support and consideration during these difficult times.

Yours Sincerely,

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Simple stats since 2015:

These are all from FOIs requested by GPCE Chair from NHSE, or in the public domain online via GPAD on NHS Digital.

England general practice SOS

- ✦ Over 1000 practices gone
- ✦ 1,900 fewer full-time qualified GPs
- ✦ Over 6,000,000 more patients on the books
- ✦ Equivalent of 1:2 population seen EACH month
- ✦ 400 million consults per annum
- ✦ 5-6% of overall NHS funding spent on practice contracts
- ✦ 5% of all NHS staff