

To all Londonwide PMS GP Practices

Dear Colleague,

Health Service Body Status

If you have previously registered as a Health Service Body, any dispute you wish to take up will have to be through the NHS Dispute Resolution Procedure. (Please see the [GPC Focus on Health Service Body Status](#) guidance for more details)

In the event that the impending PMS contract review leaves you in dispute with NHSEL we strongly recommend that you **check your contract** to confirm your previous option. If you have registered as a Health Service Body, your LMC's advice is to **change to a non-NHS body immediately, before the PMS review starts.**

Your Health Service Body status needs to be confirmed **before** the start of any dispute. This can be done by requesting a variation of your contract with NHS England and in doing so you will be able to choose either to follow the NHS Dispute Resolution Procedure **or** take civil action through the courts; having the choice as to which course of action to take opens up your options.

A suggested form of words is below; we suggest that it be sent through to the PMS lead at NHSEL, Julie Sands.

SENT BY EMAIL

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Ms Julie Sands
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Date: xxxx

Dear Ms Sands,

Re: Request to remove Health Body Status– *practice name*

Please issue a contract variation to remove the Health Body Status of my PMS contract.

Yours sincerely, etc.