NATIONAL GP IT TRAINING PROGRAMME

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To: All Primary Care Unit Managers

Re: National GP IT Training Programme

It has been represented to us by a software supplier that some doctors may cut back on training packages provided by suppliers on the basis that less of such training is now required on account of the National GP IT Training Programme.

The training provided under the National GP IT Programme is intended to complement rather than substitute for training provided by software suppliers. Accordingly, it would be most unfortunate (and very counter-productive) if doctors were to cut back on training reasonably provided by software suppliers in the context of the product specific packages they develop and market.

I would, therefore, request that your Unit advises doctors of the distinctive nature of the training available from suppliers and under the Programme and also that you keep the situation under review to ensure that the situation represented to us does not become a damaging development.

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