

Letter: Upgrading of Practice Premises

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To; Each Health Board Programme Manager, Community Care

Re: Upgrading of Practice Premises

Dear Programme Manager

I wish to refer to the discussion at the July meeting of the GMS Payments Board in connection with the safeguarding of investments made by health boards in upgrading the practice premises of GMS doctors.

As agreed at the Board meeting, the Department has raised this matter with the Irish Medical Organisation. Where it is intended to make a significant health board investment in the upgrading of practice premises, it has been accepted that it would be reasonable for boards to enter into an agreement with the relevant practices to the effect that the premises concerned would remain in use for the provision of general practitioner services for an agreed period of time as deemed appropriate by boards having regard to particular local circumstances.

Yours sincerely

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