

[MEMBER'S ADDRESS]

20 January 2020

Dear [MEMBER'S NAME]

I am seeking your support for a proposal that we are putting to members.

As you may know, the Clinical Negligence Scheme for General Practice (**CNSGP**) was launched on 1 April 2019. The CNSGP is a state-backed scheme providing access to discretionary indemnity to healthcare practitioners for their clinical negligence liabilities arising as a result of incidents that occurred on or after 1 April 2019 and during the provision of NHS services as part of general practice in England. The CNSGP is prospective, not retrospective. Therefore, the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care (**DHSC**) also sought to put in place arrangements to provide a state-backed equivalent to the CNSGP for incidents that occurred before 1 April 2019.

In September 2019, MDDUS agreed a transaction with DHSC, under which responsibility for providing discretionary indemnity in respect of these incidents would be assumed by the Government. We are proposing to implement the transaction by means of a scheme of arrangement, which is a legal process. The proposed scheme, if approved by members and the court, will mean that MDDUS's responsibility for providing discretionary indemnity to English GP members will stop. The responsibility for providing discretionary indemnity will then rest with the Government. This is explained in more detail in this pack.

Whilst our agreement with the Government will not have any effect on your MDDUS membership benefits, it does represent an important change to MDDUS. As a member of MDDUS you are entitled to cast a vote on the scheme.

This pack of information consists of:

1. a proxy form and instructions on how to cast your vote;
2. a meeting notice; and
3. a letter in which I set out in more detail the agreement we have reached with the Government and why your Board is recommending that you vote in favour of the scheme.

A copy of the circular which has been published by MDDUS in connection with the scheme is available to view and download at www.mddus.com/scheme. This is an important matter for all our members, please take the time to read all of the documentation carefully. If, once you have read the documentation, you have any questions, please call our helpline on +44 (0) 333 043 4444. All future announcements in connection with the scheme will be published by MDDUS on www.mddus.com/scheme.

You can cast your vote on the scheme in one of three simple ways (all of which are fully explained in the pack):

1. by completing the proxy form in this pack and returning it in the pre-paid envelope provided;
2. by appointing a proxy online at www.cesvotes.com/mddus20; or
3. by voting in person at the meeting on 11 February 2020 in Glasgow.

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The MDDUS Board recommends unanimously that members vote in favour of the scheme. All MDDUS directors who are entitled to vote on the scheme by virtue of also being members will be voting in favour of the scheme.

Many thanks for your continued support.

With best regards

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Jonathan P. Berry', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Dr Jonathan P. Berry
Chair

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