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- Phase 3 and UDCC support

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Dear Colleagues,

Phase 3 and UDCC support

First of all can I thank you all for identifying volunteers from within your practice to support the UDCC activity, the support of colleagues from General Practice has been invaluable in delivering care within the UDCCs over recent weeks.

You are all aware from 1st Ministers announcement last week that she plans currently to move to Phase 3 on or about the 13th July. At that stage you will be able to provide routine check-ups for all patients and non-AGP care for both routine and urgent care needs for your NHS patients. The current guidance states that AGP activity for this period will continue to be provided by the UDCCs.

The UDCCs rely upon the volunteers that you have each identified from your practices to support this AGP activity and that support will continue to be required for the UDCCs during Phase 3. Likewise you will depend on the UDCCs to continue to provide AGPs for your patients during this time. This is a symbiotic relationship that we need to find a way to continue

As you plan to return to seeing patients in Phase 3 I would be grateful if you would also plan to enable your volunteer colleague to support the UDCCs at the level they currently are. Without this support the UDCCs cannot continue to deliver AGPs for your patients which will have a detrimental effect on the delivery of NHS care across Lothian.

Looking forward to your continue support and with all my best,

Angus

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Angus Walls