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General Practice isn't on its knees, it's on its face. Spiralling workload with dwindling funding is making it harder to effectively and safely care for our patients. A culture of consumerism, that patients aren't patients, but 'customers,' entitled to a Savoy level of service on a McDonalds level of funding, has been fed to patients by the Government. Because of this, complaint rates continue to increase, and the ever more opaque system of indemnity costs skyrockets out of control – forcing some of our colleagues to leave the profession altogether, because it simply isn't financially possible to be a GP anymore. Record numbers of GP practices are handing in their keys, and others are struggling to recruit at all. Over 11,000 GPs – one third of the workforce – plan to retire, emigrate or just quit medicine in the next five years, and on top of all this, recruitment is at an all time low: No one wants to be a GP anymore.

Something has to change. Not tomorrow, not in six months, but now. Our profession cannot survive much longer. Insipid gestures and lip service tossed out by Westminster aren't going to cut it. We need Crown indemnity, like our hospital colleagues. We need an end to extra, unnecessary workload, which is piled on GP's daily. We need proper, real funding without bureaucratic strings attached which tie us up in knots instead of allowing us to care for our patients. We need a plan.

I'm new to medical politics, but I am utterly committed to representing not just Sessional GP's, but all GP's throughout the UK in the survival of our profession. The BMA needs to hold the Government to account, and to deliver on a real rescue package and a real future for our profession – Or everything we will have trained for will be for nothing.

I won't make a list of committees that I've been a member of, as there are none. All I can offer is my absolute commitment to do my best for our profession.

I'd appreciate your vote.