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Dear Colleague

YOUR CHOICE OF GP PRACTICE

A consultation on how to enable people to register with the GP practice of their choice.

As you will know, the Secretary of State for Health, Andy Burnham, announced in September last year the Government's intention to abolish the current system of GP practice boundaries to enable people to have far greater choice over which GP practice they register with.

Since the announcement, the Department of Health has been working with the NHS and professional and patient groups to explore the issues and options and to frame a national consultation about how we best go about opening up choice of GP practice.

I am very pleased to tell you that the national consultation was launched today by the Secretary of State. We would very much welcome your views on the questions and proposals in the consultation document so we can together shape the future direction and offer a real choice to patients. The consultation document and details on how to participate can be found on the consultation website at www.gpchoice.dh.gov.uk.

We look forward to hearing from you.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Ben Dyson'.

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