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Changes to meet challenges: access, demand, and simplification

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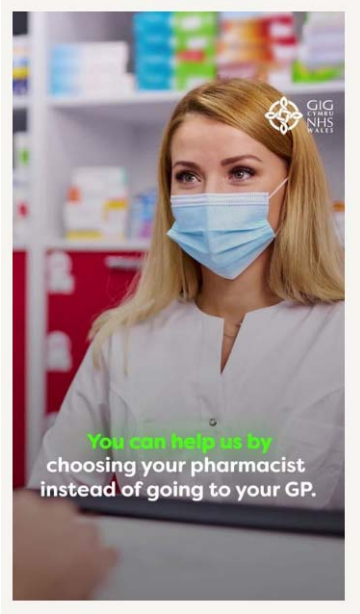
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Access


- Access initiatives have been a part of the GMS contract for many years now and have always focused on incentivising improvement to make it easier for patients to access services.
- At the end of March 2022, 89% of GP practices across Wales had achieved all of the access standards.
- To build on that really positive progress, we will embed the phase 1 standards into the contract from April 2023.



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You can help us by
choosing your pharmacist
instead of going to your GP.



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Demand

- Exploring opportunities around the Secondary Care waiting times
- Additional capacity funding available to help with winter pressures.
- Continue to improve the quality and availability of data to ensure we have an accurate and robust understanding of the demands on GMS.



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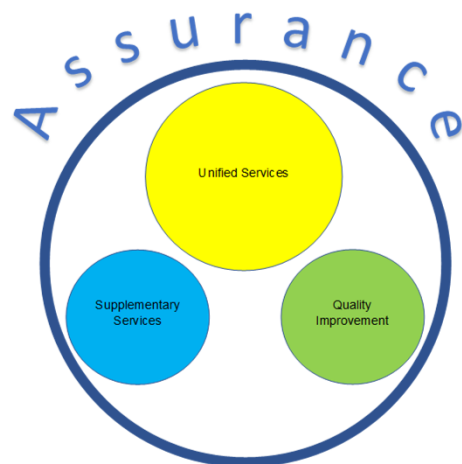
Simplification

- The proposed new Unified Contract represents the most significant reform to the GMS contract since 2004.
- Introduction of this new streamlined contract from October next year.
- Consultation is planned for April and there will be a lot more detail provided in due course.



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Unified Contract



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Practice Manager Network

The screenshot displays the Gwella HEIW Leadership Portal for Wales interface. At the top left is the Gwella logo and a search bar. The top right shows user information for Huw Williams and a Cymraeg language toggle. The main header features a 'View all Networks' button and an 'Admin' button. Below this is a banner for 'All Wales General Practice Managers' with a 'Subscribe' button and a 'Joined' status indicator. A navigation menu includes 'Overview', 'Members', 'Discussions', 'Files', 'Announcements', 'Modules', and 'Requests'. The 'Files' section is active, showing a list of folders: 'Accelerated Cluster Development' and 'Example Job Descriptions, Person Specifications and Contract Guidance'. Each folder has a checkbox and a red circular icon with a white '3'.

[All Wales General Practice Managers - Overview - Networks - Gwella HEIW Leadership Portal for Wales](#)

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