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The following information was requested on 8 September 2023:

NHS Resolution started operating a state indemnity scheme for general practice in England in April 2019 and the ELSGP in April 2020. QUESTIONS:

- 1. Do General Practitioners (GPs) or they practice pay a fee for this indemnity or is it state funded?*
- 2. If a fee is charged, what is the average amount per GP?*
- 3. Do NHS GPs need to retain membership to other Medical Defence Organisations?*

Our Response

- 1. Do General Practitioners (GPs) or they practice pay a fee for this indemnity or is it state funded?*

Our Clinical Negligence Scheme for General Practice (CNSGP) is a state funded scheme for any incidents that occurred after 1st April 2019. The Existing Liabilities Scheme for General Practice (ELSGP) provides indemnity cover for NHS clinical negligence claims made against current and former GP members of medical defence organisations (MDOs) in respect of liabilities incurred before 1 April 2019. This is where terms have been agreed with MDOs in relation to indemnity provision for their GP members under the ELSGP. NHS Resolution administers the scheme on behalf of the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, and in the first instance, is also responsible for claims handling.

The ELSGP currently covers historical liabilities for those who were members of the Medical and Dental Defence Union of Scotland (MDDUS) or the Medical Protection Society (MPS) at the time of the incident in respect of which a claim is made, and any practice staff working for the MDDUS or MPS member at the time of that incident.

- 2. If a fee is charged, what is the average amount per GP?*

There is no fee charged to GP's or practices directly by NHS Resolution as part of this indemnity scheme.

- 3. Do NHS GPs need to retain membership to other Medical Defence Organisations?*

This would be a question for individual practices. NHS Resolution does not cover any care provided outside of the NHS contracted services.

There is a comprehensive FAQs section on our website [Clinical Negligence Scheme for General Practice Archives - NHS Resolution](#)

This concludes our response to your request.

If you are not satisfied with the service that you have received in response to your information request, it is open to you to make a complaint and request a formal review of our decisions. If you choose to do this, you should write to [Tinku Mitra](#), Deputy Director of Corporate and Information Governance for NHS Resolution, within 28 days of your receipt of this reply. Reviews of decisions made in relation to information requests are carried out by a person who was not involved in the original decision-making about the request.

If you are not content with the outcome of your complaint, you may apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a review of the decision. Generally, the Information Commissioner will not make a decision unless you have exhausted the local complaints procedure. The address of the Information Commissioner's Office is:

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