

Easy read summary

General practice

What has happened since the 2018 GP contract?





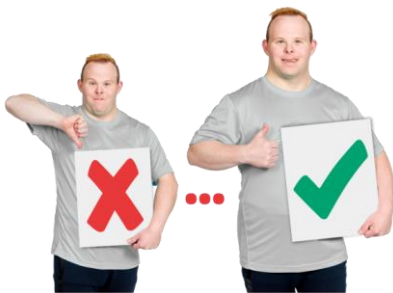
A **GP** is short for General Practitioner.

This means your doctor.



A **contract** gives details of what work will be done and who will do it.

The 2018 GP contract was meant to:



- make it easier for patients to get care
- deal with things that make it difficult for GPs like not having enough money and staff.



This has not happened yet.



The number of people living in Scotland has gone up.

There are also more older people living in Scotland.



So GPs have more pressure.



People are finding it more difficult to be seen by a GP.

The number of GPs is not going up as planned.



Compared to 2018, people are less happy with the care they get from their GP.



Many people do not know that GP services are changing.



People might not always be seen by a GP.

Sometimes they might be seen by another healthcare specialist like a nurse or physio.



It has taken longer than planned to support GPs with teams of other healthcare staff.



The Scottish Government does not have enough information to know if general practice services are working well.



This makes it harder for the Scottish Government to know if new changes are making a difference.



The way GPs are paid was also supposed to change.

But only some of these changes have been made.



GPs now get a smaller part of NHS money than they used to.



It is difficult to know what the future will be like for GPs.



The work that is being done to make things better for GPs has big **risks and challenges** – things that make it difficult.



The Scottish Government must make a plan to show what work will be done to make the risks and challenges better.