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Press Release from: General Practitioners Committee West Midlands

Senior West Midlands GPs cautiously welcome the NHS Constitution

West Midlands GPs met today and cautiously welcomed the NHS Constitution.

Dr Grant Ingrams, secretary of the General Practitioners Committee West Midlands (GPCWM), said: "We welcome the long overdue clarity for patients regarding their rights and responsibilities when using the NHS."

Dr Grant Ingrams added: "We particularly welcome the U-turn over releasing patient information to researchers, including those from big pharmaceutical companies, although we are surprised that this fundamental change from the draft constitution has not been highlighted."

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Notes for Editors:

1. The General Practitioners Committee West Midlands is a stakeholder committee of various general practice bodies in the West Midlands.
2. Dr Grant Ingrams is Senior Partner of The Crossley Practice - a well established general practice in inner city Coventry, and Secretary of the GPCWM

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