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Dear Ann,

GOS Fees 2017/18

I am writing to you about the NHS sight test fee, continuing education and training (CET) allowance and the pre-registration trainers grant for 2017/18, following the discussions you have had with NHS England.

Ministers' have considered these fees and have agreed that the NHS sight test fee should remain at its' current level in 2017/18 and that there should be a 1% increase for both the CET allowance and the pre-registration trainers grant.

I appreciate that you will be disappointed by the decision that the sight test fee should remain at its' current level but this decision has had to be taken in the context of the need to control public expenditure.

For the continuing education and training allowance and the grant to supervisors of pre-registration trainees an increase of 1% would mean that the CET allowance would increase to £545 and the supervisors grant to £3,514.

Draft payment directions covering the CET allowance will be sent to you for consultation shortly.

Yours sincerely

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Head of Dental and Eye Care Finance