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MOTION FROM IMO GP COMMITTEE

The following was passed unanimously by the IMO GP Committee at its meeting on 13th February 2014

The draft contract for the provision of GP services to children under six years of age which was furnished to the IMO on 31 January 2014 has profound implications for the provision of GP services in this country and entails fundamental variations and modifications of existing contracts.

Accordingly, the G.P. Committee of the IMO calls upon the Minister for Health and the Minister for Primary Care immediately to commence full negotiations with the IMO, being the trade union representing GPs which was issued a negotiation licence under the Trade Union Act, 1941, on all aspects of the draft contract.

The draft contract furnished to the IMO is based upon Government proposals which seek to introduce far-reaching changes without adequate planning, resourcing and negotiations. General Practice will be seriously damaged by this draft contract and services to patients will deteriorate.

Without adequate planning, resourcing and negotiations, these proposals will have serious adverse consequences for the provision of health services in this country.

The GP Committee of the IMO reiterate that they fully support the introduction of GP services which are free at the point of access to all patients but meaningful negotiations, planning and adequate resources are fundamental to the achievement of such services.

The GP Committee condemns any attempt to proceed without adequate planning and resourcing and meaningful negotiations with the IMO on all aspects of the delivery of GP services and the IMO reserves its rights and those of its members in that regard.