



## 2021 LHN CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS

### MEMBER UPDATE No.13 HEALTH MINISTER OFFERS SMALL CONCESSION

22 September 2021

**We suggest that doctors do not sign up to any LHN contract offers until RDASA and AMASA recommend doing so.**

**LOCAL ADVOCACY TOOL KIT [CLICK HERE](#).** We appreciate GPs continued effort to maintain momentum by using the Tool Kit. There has been a very high media response to our issues and we must maintain momentum in the community.

**Welcome to the thirteenth (13th) edition of this *Member Update*.**

On 14 September 2021, Health Minister Wade wrote to us expressing the Government's keenness for our contract to be resolved. At our meeting last week with the Minister, we had suggested, as a circuit breaker, the appointment of an independent facilitator. It is pleasing the Minister has taken that up by offering us a choice from two credentialed professionals to work in such a capacity. The Minister describes the facilitator's roll as reviewing both parties tabled positions, identifying points of difference and suggesting potential alterations needed to enable agreement. In the hope such a process will be productivity and in good faith, we have written accepting the Minister's offer subject to us agreeing to written terms of reference.

### COMPARING OUR OFFER AND RSS 2<sup>nd</sup> RESPONSE

Separately this week, we are writing to RSS replying to their second response. Until we have evidence there is funding to match our requirements (or funding to even come close to delivering a sustainable fix to the current crisis) we will advise RSS there is no utility or reward in us returning to the negotiating table. The 14<sup>th</sup> edition of this *Update* will provide our letter to you for you to read.

**Attached** to this email you will find a summary Table intended to simply, and accurately, show the separation in position between our 12 March 2021 reform offer and RSS's recent second response (25 August 2021). RSS has made comparison extremely difficult by not using our offer as its response reference. As a result, we have also attached the RSS offer in full (provided to you previously via this *Update*).

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We commit to continue to publish this *Member Update* regularly to ensure Members remain informed, maintain momentum and maintain public interest towards contract agreement. Look out for Edition No.14 of this *Member Update*.

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Please feel free to distribute this *Member Update* and **TOOL KIT** (link) to interested colleagues and throughout your networks. The more everyone is informed, the stronger our mandate to achieve success.

If you are not a member, please consider joining, by visiting the [RDASA](#) and [AMA\(SA\)](#) websites.

To provide comment or feedback, or for more information, please contact:

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We look forward to providing further information and hearing your voices.

Yours sincerely

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**Dr Peter Rischbieth**  
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