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Dear Colleague

**Re: The GP Patient Survey in Northern Ireland – Your Doctor, Your Experience, Your Say**

As you may be aware, the Department of Health, Social Services & Public Safety has commissioned a survey to assess patient experiences of local health services: The GP Patient Survey in Northern Ireland.

Please find enclosed with this letter 10 copies of a leaflet aimed at GPs and Practice Managers that explains what the GP Patient Survey in Northern Ireland is and what will be happening next. Please distribute these leaflets to the GPs in your practice so that they are aware that the survey is taking place. There is also a weblink on the leaflet to the Department's website which contains more detailed information about various elements of the survey.

It is important that as many patients as possible who are sampled for the survey complete and return the questionnaire to improve the reliability of the results. We are therefore also including two posters for you to display in your surgery. Please do put these up in a prominent position, such as your waiting area so that patients are aware that they may receive a questionnaire from Ipsos MORI to invite them to take part in the survey.

If you would like to download electronic copies of the poster and/or leaflet, please go to [www.dhsspsni.gov.uk/index/hss/pc-primary-care.htm](http://www.dhsspsni.gov.uk/index/hss/pc-primary-care.htm)

If you have any queries about the survey or the materials you have been sent, you can contact the project team at DHSSPS by email at:-

[gppatientsurvey@dhsspsni.gov.uk](mailto:gppatientsurvey@dhsspsni.gov.uk)

Yours sincerely