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Doctors' leaders have urged Prime Minister Rishi Sunak to recall Parliament and demanded urgent support for a 'broken' NHS - warning that patients are dying amid long waits and citing **examples of GPs driving people to hospital** to avoid ambulance delays.

General Practice in England **lost 471 fully-qualified, full-time equivalent (FTE) GPs** in the year to November 2022 - the largest 12-month drop in more than three years - as workload continues to spiral.

**Within the next few months Integrated Care Boards (ICBs) will take on the responsibility of commissioning all Primary Care services.**

Contracts for General Dental Services (GDS), General Ophthalmic Services (GOS) and the Community Pharmacy contractual framework are complex and need to be correct.

Over time, parties to the contracts may have changed, locations services have been delivered from altered, and other contractual changes may have happened.

Making sure that the contracts transferred to ICBs are correct and current is crucial.

Millions more patients across England are benefitting from easier access to their health records and medical services through **the NHS App**, as sign-ups top 30 million – including 7 million new sign-ups in 2022.