

# PRESS RELEASE FROM THE FAMILY DOCTOR ASSOCIATION

For patients who want to see a GP they know and who knows them  
For GP practices that offer their patients continuity of care

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## PRACTICE BASED COMMISSIONING: NO BENEFIT WITHOUT INVOLVEMENT SAYS FAMILY DOCTOR ASSOCIATION NATIONAL SURVEY

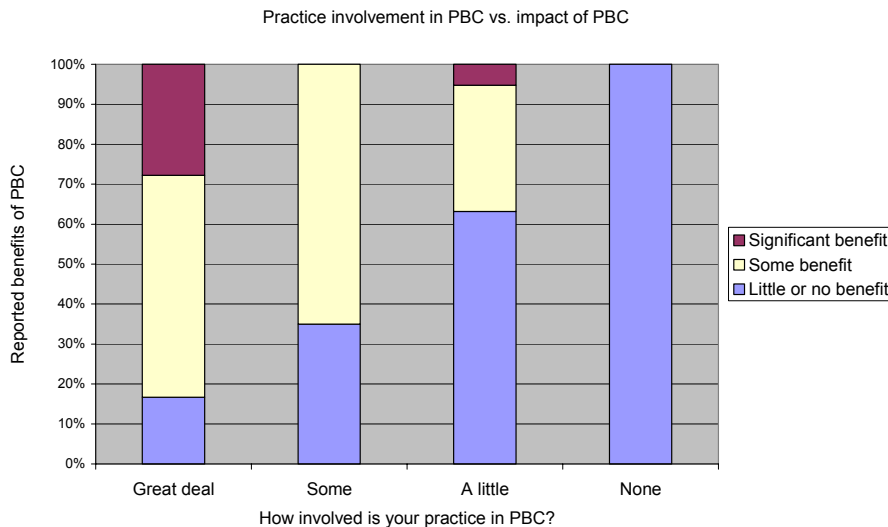
A snapshot survey of 260 UK GPs showed that significant benefits from Practice Based Commissioning (PBC) can only be realised by getting involved in local PBC activities.

**Dr Michael Taylor**, National Chairman of the FDA, said the findings of the survey of grassroots GPs, gave clear messages about the PBC effectiveness and impact. He said, "GP practices won't see any benefit from practice based commissioning unless they are prepared to roll up their sleeves and get involved." The survey showed:

- 3 in 5 practices reported significant or some involvement in PBC locally
- Over 50% of GP practices found significant or some benefits from involvement
- A positive correlation between involvement and impact of PBC for practices; the more involved the practice the more significant the impact and or benefits

The Family Doctor Association echoed Lord Darzi's rallying call for family doctors to continue to support PBC to improve services to patients. Dr Taylor hoped this would send a positive message to the Department of Health and PCTs about GP commitment to PBC. The challenge was for PCTs to support their local practices.

The findings of the Vox Docs © survey support the Department of Health drive to see practice-based commissioning working to its full potential. ([Clinical commissioning: our vision for practice-based commissioning](#)).



Full report  
attached



### Vox Docs© grassroots GPs opinions that matter

The Family Doctor Association is a national network of family doctor practices that offer their patients continuity of care and the opportunity to see their own GP. These practices believe in the benefits to patients of relationship medicine rather than anonymous health care. The Association campaigns about the importance of continuity of care in family medicine and regularly reminds fellow GP practices, the Department of Health and health leaders of the importance of continuity of care in the delivery of quality primary health care. The Family Doctor Association is a registered educational charity no. 299871 and was founded in 1985. The Family Doctor Association is the new name for the Small Practices Association.