General practice is a beautiful job; however, it is never, ever going to be easy. It takes an extraordinary amount of effort to get it right. Training must be lengthened and intensified.

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Impact of COVID-19 on primary care contacts with children and young people in England — context please

Foley et al’s article1 lacks the context of these figures with no mention of the direction that was suggested to primary care by NHS England and indeed the government.2,3 The authors also fail to mention that this was also during times when no vaccination was available and some high-risk colleagues could not see patients physically. Do not forget that the lack of PPE and deaths of healthcare staff as a result of the pandemic were ever present. I am disappointed that this article only shows figures with absolutely no context at all and meant to further chastise primary care.

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