

Summary - GP Contract Changes 2020/21

Core funding and contract changes

- The new value of **Global Sum** from 1st April will be £93.46 (2019/20 - £89.88) per weighted patient. An increase of 3.98%.
- The new value of a **QOF point** will be £195.83 (2019/20 - £187.74). An increase of 4.3%. QOF currently comprises 559 points but there will be additional funding of £10m to contribute to a new indicator to support annual blood tests for patients with non-diabetic hyperglycaemia. QOF total points will therefore increase to 567 from 2020/21. Maternity medical services will become an essential service with a 6-8 week post-natal check for new mothers backed by £12m additional funding.
- **No seniority income** from 1 April 2020, this has been rolled into the Global Sum.
- Payment arrangements for **vaccinations and immunisations** to be reformed and they will become an essential service rather than an additional service. A new standard item of service fee of £10.06 will be introduced for the delivery of each dose of all routine and annual vaccines, starting with MMR in 2020/21. It will include all childhood vaccinations from 2021/22. From April 2021 practices will need to achieve 80% coverage to receive the full item of service value, the current 70% and 90% immunisation targets will be removed. New incentive payments will be introduced to maximise population coverage as part of QOF, replacing the current Childhood Immunisations DES.

Recruitment and retention initiatives

- **A Partnership Premium** - a one-off payment of £20,000 (initially a loan but expected to convert to a permanent payment after a minimum number of years as a partner), available to new full-time partners (37.5 hours per week) with additional business training support of £3,000. The payment would also be available to non-GPs who become partners and the scheme will run for three years in this initial phase. More detailed guidance to follow.
- **Two-year Fellowship in General Practice programme** – guaranteed right to all GP Trainees on completion of training (also newly qualified nurses). Fellows will receive guaranteed funded mentorship, funded CPD for 1 session per week and rotational placements.
- **Induction and refresher scheme** – expanded and enhanced to provide support to GPs returning to general practice (including childcare and other caring responsibilities). From April 2020 GPs on this scheme with children under the age of 11 can claim up to £2,000 towards the cost of childcare for each child.

- **New Locum Support Scheme** – greater support to Locum GPs in return for minimum time contribution to PCNs.
- **Enhanced shared parental leave.**
- **Supporting Mentors Scheme** – new national scheme for highly experienced GPs to mentor newly qualified GPs. Funding to GP practices to release the mentor GP for 1 session a week (some caveats).
- **National GP Retention Scheme** - to continue in 2020/21 with potential increases to the number of sessions participants can provide.

Key Primary Care Network changes

- All roles to be reimbursed at 100%, freeing up the existing £1.50/head to contribute to management support for PCNs. Previously only social prescribers were funded at 100% all other roles received just 70% funding.
- **New Care Home Premium** - £120 per bed per year from 30 September 2020.
- **Investment and Impact Fund** – operating in similar way to QOF. Eight indicators in 2020/21 worth £40.5m.
- More roles added to the Additional Roles Reimbursement Scheme. Between 2020/21 and 2023/24, the scheme will expand to allow 26,000 additional staff across general practice. The scope of the scheme extends into six more roles, taking the total number for 2020/21 from four to ten, providing more choice and options for PCNs, but without any obligation:
 - Pharmacy technicians
 - Health and wellbeing coaches and care coordinators
 - Occupational therapists
 - Dietitians
 - Podiatrists
 - Community paramedics

NHS England and NHS Improvement have added additional funding so that all of these staff will be reimbursed at 100% of actual salary plus defined on costs, subject to a maximum.

Premises Costs Directions

Some significantly improved terms for contractors, including (but not exclusively)

- Removed restriction on commissioner contribution to premises improvements – can now award up to 100% funding along with abatement and guaranteed use periods reduced.
- VAT reimbursement on rent payments.
- SDLT reimbursement on acquiring land / premises.
- More formalised arrangements for third party use of premises.

Detailed GP Contract agreement

<https://www.england.nhs.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/02/update-to-the-gp-contract-agreement-2021-2324-v2.pdf>