

Directorate of Primary Care
General Practice Division



Chief Executives NHS Boards
GP Practices

24 August 2020

Dear Colleagues,

GMS uplift 2020/21

1. I write to confirm the details of the uplift being applied to the GMS contract for the financial year 2020/21. The PMS allocation letter will follow in due course.
2. Having given very careful consideration to the recommendations of the Review Body on Doctors' and Dentists' Remuneration (DDRB), and the wider position on public sector pay policy including recently announced NHS pay settlement, Scottish Ministers have decided to uplift GP pay net of expenses by 2.8%.
3. This pay uplift will be accompanied by an increase of 2.95% for practice staff pay (in line with wider Agenda for Change uplifts). Scottish Government would advise all practices to apply this uplift to staff pay unless there are extenuating circumstances, for example staff have received pay uplifts greater than the Agenda for Change uplifts since April 2020.
4. There is also an uplift of 1.7%, according to the CPI inflation measure, for non-staff expenses.
5. This represents a 3.2% uplift to the Global Sum and to the Income & Expenses Guarantee which will be paid as a straight increase to all practices with no recycling.
6. In addition there will be a further £4.4 million added to the Global Sum for the cost of population growth in 2019/20.
7. I can therefore confirm that for the financial year of 2020/21 the Global Sum and Income & Expenses Guarantee will be uplifted by a total of £25 million. This equates to an increase of 3.4% of the total value of the contract in 2019/20.

Action

8. I would be grateful if this is brought to the attention of GP practices.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Naureen" followed by a stylized circular flourish.

Naureen Ahmad
Deputy Director and Head of GP Contract Division