



Dear Colleague

## **GMS CONTRACT AGREEMENT FOR 2009/10 - UPDATE**

### **Introduction**

1. This circular provides a further update of the agreed approach to the financial uplift to the GMS contract for 2009/10, and relates to previous circular [PCA\(M\)\(2008\)10](#) issued on 28 October 2008.

### **Background**

2. The Review Body on Doctors' and Dentists' Remuneration (DDRB) has now published its 38<sup>th</sup> report for 2009 – link attached for information:

<http://www.ome.uk.com/downloads/DDRB%2038th%20Report%202009.pdf>

The DDRB recommendations have been accepted by the Scottish Government. For the GMS contract, this means a gross uplift of 2.29% will be applied.

### **How the uplift will be applied**

3. You will be aware from circular [PCA\(M\)\(2008\)10](#) that an agreed methodology was identified for applying any 2009/10 increase. For Scotland this involves firstly identifying the 2008/09 outturn figures for GMS expenditure under the headings of:

- Global sum;
- Correction factor (as a component part of the overall global sum equivalent);
- QOF;
- Enhanced services;
- Locum payments; and
- Seniority.

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We are working with NHS NSS on this and will be using estimated outturns until Boards have published their annual accounts when we will compare with published figures and determine the effect of any differences, although acknowledging it may be impossible to separately identify GMS-only expenditure. A decision on whether to revise allocations will be made at that stage.

4. Next, the DDRB recommended increase of 2.29% will be applied to the sum of these expenditure figures for 2008/09, giving a total monetary increase to be applied to the GMS contract for 2009/10. We estimate that for GMS practices, this will be around £12m.

5. The agreed multipliers for each category of expenditure (i.e. 7, 2, 5, 5, 0, and 0 respectively for each of global sum; global sum equivalent; QOF; enhanced services; locum payments and seniority) will then be applied to the estimated outturn figures to give revised working totals for each expenditure heading, and the total monetary increase will be allocated to each expenditure heading based on these new proportions.

6. We estimate that the percentage increase for each expenditure heading will be as follows:

- Global sum: 2.39%
- Global sum equivalent: 0.68%
- QOF: 1.70%
- Directed enhanced services: 1.70%
- Locum payments: 0.00%
- seniority: 0.00%

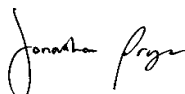
These figures are very similar to those calculated by the Department of Health for the English GMS contract.

7. A revised Statement of Financial Entitlement will be issued as soon as we have robust figures, and we anticipate revised payments will be made in May.

### **Non-GMS contracts**

8. For Section 17C/2C practices, allocations will be uplifted by 2.29% to reflect the gross DDRB recommended increase.

Yours sincerely



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