

Annex B CCG Allocations: Guidance Notes

These notes are intended to be read alongside Annex B of the allocations supporting documentation. Annex B sets out CCG allocations for 2015/16.

2015/16 Indicative Allocations Published December 2013

The first section restates the 2015/16 indicative CCG programme allocations published in December 2013, with the information shown in per capita (population) and total programme format.

The ***per capita growth rate*** is the increase in allocation when expressed per head of population. This has been calculated as the uplift on the initial 2014/15 allocation notified last December (not included in this spreadsheet). The ***per capita allocation*** is the amount of allocation in £ per head and the ***per capita closing target*** is the target allocation per head for the CCG. The target allocation is calculated independently of the actual allocation for a CCG. The formula used for this is the approved formula (reviewed by the independent Advisory Committee on Resource Allocation) which includes deprivation adjustments and is based on a bottom up assessment of a geography's health needs.

The information is also expressed in programme terms. As above, the ***programme growth rate*** is the increase in allocation compared to the initial 2014/15 allocation notified in December 2013. The ***total programme allocation*** is the programme allocation in £000 for a CCG based on the 2015/16 indicative allocations CCGs will have been expecting and planning for, prior to the 2014 Autumn Statement and these revised allocations.

The ***closing distance from target*** is also shown. This is the percentage variance between the indicative allocation and the target allocation.

Adjusted Baseline 2014/15

The second section of the document details the adjusted baseline position for 2014/15. (It is important to note that the figures in this section relate to 2014/15 allocations and are therefore significantly lower than the 2015/16 indicative allocation figures. This is because they do not include the uplift in allocation for 2015/16 factored into the indicative allocations in December 2013.)

During the course of planning for 2014/15 and the year to date there are a number of adjustments that have been made to the previously published CCG baselines. All of these adjustments are agreed with NHS England through the revenue transfer process that sees each CCG notified of their allocation on a monthly basis. In 2014/15 these have been largely but not exclusively related to ensuring consistent management and funding for specialised services.

The allocations process focuses on recurrent allocations, and it is therefore important to ensure that these adjustments are considered in the annual uplift calculations, and that the distance from target is recalculated to reflect them.

The adjusted baseline for each CCG, taking account of these adjustments, is set out in **Month 7 adjusted baseline**. The figures for **closing target** and **distance from target** are therefore recalculated based on these adjusted baselines and represent the anticipated closing position for 2014/15. (Adjustments to recurrent baselines after Month 7 will be adjusted for 2015/16 purposes through the planning process and become recurrent moving into 2016/17).

This section also includes the **opening distance from target** for 2015/16. This shows the difference between the 2014/15 allocation uplifted for each CCG's 2015/16 population growth index and its target allocation before any growth is applied. This therefore picks up differential increases in population growth between the years. We have included these population figures in a later column. They were established based on GP practice sizes as part of the review of allocations in 2013, but population uplifts have been made in line with the ONS projection for population growth available when the multi-year allocation was made in December 2013, in order to maintain the structure of the allocations. We anticipate refreshing the population metrics during 2015.

Allocation 2015/16

This section sets out the programme allocation in 2015/16 for each CCG, using the allocation methodology approved by the NHS England Board on 17 December 2014. The data provided is in the same format as the "indicative allocations" section.

Additional Information 2015/16

This section contains additional information relating to the 2015/16 allocations.

Seasonal resilience included in recurrent allocations. This figure, which is included within the programme allocation for 2015/16, shows how much seasonal resilience money is contained within this allocation.

BCF Funding from CCG not included in programme allocation. This figure reconfirms the separate allocation that forms part of a CCG contribution to the Better Care Fund. This is funded from the national £1.1bn allocation. It will be paid to CCGs in addition to the programme allocation.

Running Cost Allowances reconfirms the separate running cost allocation for CCGs in 2015/16.