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Dear colleagues

GMS CONTRACT CHANGES 2019/20

My letter of 31st January announced the publication of **Investment and evolution: A five-year framework for GP contract reform to implement The NHS Long Term Plan** jointly with the BMA's General Practitioners Committee England (GPC).

<https://www.england.nhs.uk/publication/gp-contract-reform-letter-from-ed-waller/>

I am now writing to provide some further details.

As last year, we are working with GPC to develop more detailed guidance, where appropriate, on the agreed changes set out in the publication. NHS England's dedicated GP contracts page will be updated with further details of the 2019/20 guidance as soon as possible.

<https://www.england.nhs.uk/gp/gp/v/investment/gp-contract/>

Payments due in 2018/19

As described in the new Contract Framework, a one-off payment to cover indemnity inflation arising in 2018/19 is planned for March 2019. Further information will follow.

GMS finance changes for 2019/20

The changes to the value of the Quality & Outcome Framework (QOF) point, Global Sum price per weighted patient and Out of Hours adjustment for 2019/20 are set out in annex A. These will now be included in the amendments to the Statement of Financial Entitlements Directions.

In addition, a network participation payment will be made to practices for signing up to the Network Contract Directed Enhanced Service (DES) by 1 July 2019. This payment is equivalent to £1.761 per weighted patient for the year, although it will be paid in monthly instalments from July onwards. Further details will be set out in

subsequent guidance.

Other changes agreed in the negotiations also have financial implications for practices and PCNs, and these can be found in the GP contract publication. Further details of the PCN entitlements will be included in the Network Contract DES Directions, the associated service specification and payment schedule and supporting guidance, which will follow shortly.

Other contracting routes

NHS England is committed to an equitable and consistent approach to funding the core services expected of all GP practices.

As usual, further guidance will follow on the changes to be made to Personal Medical Services (PMS) and Alternative Provider Medical Services (APMS) contracts for 2019/20.

Next steps

As mentioned in my previous letter, we plan a series of roadshows to help colleagues understand the changes in full and on which further communications and guidance will follow. In the meantime, if you have any queries they can be submitted to: England.GPcontracts@nhs.net.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Ed Waller".

Ed Waller
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New Business Models and Primary Care Contracts Groups

Annex A: Changes to key numbers in 2019/20Section 1: Key contract figures

Figure	2018/19	2019/20
Value of QOF point	£179.26	£187.74
Global Sum price per weighted patient	£88.96	£89.88
Out of Hours adjustment (%)	4.87%	4.82%

Section 2: Participation payment for Network Contract Directed Enhanced Service

	2019/20
Participation payment	£105,000,000
Annual payment per weighted patient*	£1.761

* To be paid in instalments.