
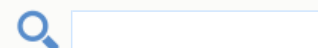




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## Regulations

### GP Contract Agreement 2019/20

The BMA's GP committee has reached a contract agreement with NHS England spanning the next five years, which introduces widespread changes aimed at addressing both the workforce and workload pressures currently experienced by GPs in England, and improving services for patients by beginning to realise ambitions laid out in the NHS Long-Term Plan.

The contract gives practices almost £1bn across five years, while another £1.8bn will be invested to support the formation of Primary Care Networks, in which practices will work together to provide care to patients across a wider geographic area.

We have a dedicated page for the 2019/20 Contract

at: <https://www.wessexlmcs.com/gpcontractagreement201920> where you can download a full suite of the contract documents.

Alternatively, go to [NHSE GP contract 2019/20](#)

### GMS Contract Changes 2018/19

The contract changes have been announced for 2018/19.

NHS Employers and the British Medical Association's General Practitioners Committee (GPC) have agreed changes to the General Medical Services (GMS) contract effective from 1 April 2018. These changes apply in England only.

The contract for 2018/19 will see an investment of £256 million, which is an overall increase of 3.4 per cent.

Further information can be found here: <http://www.nhsemployers.org/GMS201819>

### GMS Contract Changes 2017/18

The contract changes have been announced for 2017/8. These will apply to both GMS and PMS practices.

In previous years the changes have been kept to a minimum because of the pressures that all practices face.

We know that for most practices the major factors that are having a negative impact are workload and workforce.

These contract changes will help all practices and are aimed at supporting practices and to take a further step to address these important factors. Alone, these contract changes will not address all the issues but they should be considered in the context of other important developments including the GP Forward View and the New Models of Care (also known as MCP or Vanguard).

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If this years changes help with the rising expenses, supports the development of the work in terms of training additional members of the practices team (GPFV), adds additional funding to the global sum from a retired DES and requires the STP to deliver transformation that supports the out of hospital model and provides a focus on general practice via the new models of care, then this must be a positive. Next year we need additional recurrent resources to expand the workforce to add capacity both at practice level and at the level of a natural community of care.

Please click here to read the [outcome of the 2017/18 GMS contract negotiations](#)

For a summary of the changes to **PMS and APMS contracts in 2017/18** go to this link: [Implementing the 2017/18 GP contract](#)

## New Contractual Requirements 2016

Provision of information on general practice access data (Publications Gateway Ref No: 05730)

Action: To ensure every GP in your area is aware of the new contractual requirement.

The Government's mandate to NHS England has a commitment to ensure everyone has easier and more convenient access to GP services, including appointments at evening and weekends. From October 2016, as set out in regulations, every GP practice in England will be required to submit an online return twice a year through the Primary Care Web Tool. This will set out what access to appointments the practice offers to patients either itself or through other arrangements, seven days a week. The first return will be open for submission from 3 October 2016 to 31 October 2016 inclusive.

[Guidance is planned to be published shortly on NHS England's website.](#)

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## GMS Contract Changes 2016/17

NHS Employers and the British Medical Association's General Practitioners Committee (GPC) announced changes to the GMS contract in England for 2016/17 on 19 February 2016.

The contract for 2016/17 will see significant investment, helping to alleviate some of the pressures in general practice and working to improve access to services. In addition, there have been a number of other key changes including further development of data collection to drive patient care and changes that continue or build on last year's online services. No changes have been made to the Quality and Outcomes Framework (QOF) indicators or thresholds.

[GMS Contract 2016/17 Guidance](#)

## Consolidated GMS and PMS Regulations

GMS: <http://www.legislation.gov.uk/uksi/2016/875/introduction/made> - Amendment (Issue December 2016)

GMS: <http://www.legislation.gov.uk/uksi/2015/1862/contents/made> (Issue December 2015)

PMS: <http://www.legislation.gov.uk/uksi/2015/1879/contents/made> (Issue December 2015)

## Premises Costs Directions 2013

[The National Health Service \(General Medical Services - Premises Costs\) Directions 2013](#)

## Financial Entitlements Directions 2013

## **Financial Entitlements Directions 2014 (Amendments)**

General Medical Services Statement of Financial Entitlements Directions - Amendments 2014

## **Financial Entitlements Directions 2015 (Amendments)**

General Medical Services Statement of Financial Entitlements Directions - Amendments 2015

## **Financial Entitlements Directions 2016 (Amendments)**

General Medical Services Statement of Financial Entitlements Directions - Amendments 2016

## **Financial Entitlements Directions 2017 (Amendments)**

The General Medical Services Statement of Financial Entitlements (Amendment) Directions  
2017

Financial Entitlements Directions 2017 (in respect of Indemnity Fees)

## **Financial Entitlements Directions 2018 (Amendments)**

The General Medical Services Statement of Financial Entitlements (Amendment) Directions  
2018

Financial Entitlements Directions 2018 (in respect of Indemnity Fees)

Statement of Financial Entitlements (Payment in Respect of Electronic Referrals Direction)  
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