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Updated 2020-21 GP contract

GPC England has negotiated an update to the GP Contract 2020/21 - 2023/24. This includes revisions to the draft PCN DES service specifications which were published just before Christmas 2019.

Here are the top line changes are:

The new value of the Global Sum from 1 April will be £93.46.

The new value of a QOF point will be £194.83.

A 'New to Partnership Payment' of £20,000 plus training support, a locum support scheme, changes to the existing Induction and Refresher Scheme to cover some childcare costs and a new national supporting mentors scheme.

100% reimbursement for all roles in the Additional Roles Reimbursement Scheme, freeing up the existing £1.50/head to contribute to management support for PCNs, and any monies you may be contributing from your core practice funds.

Between 2020/21 and 2023/24, the scheme will expand to 26,000 additional roles.

Funding entitlements increase from £257m to £430m next year and, in 2023/24, from £891m to £1,412m.

Extra investment will fund new GP training recruitment and retention measures with £20,000 plus training support for every new partner.

Payment arrangements for vaccinations and immunisations to be reformed.

QOF to be updated.

PCN service specifications reduced and improved

Investment and Impact Fund introduced worth £40.5m in 2020/21.

Taken together, more funding available at practice level.

Regarding the DES specifications it has been agreed that:

The volume of Structured Medication Reviews undertaken will be determined and limited by the clinical pharmacist capacity of the PCN.

The proposed requirement for fortnightly face to face medical input to the care homes is replaced with a requirement for medical input to be 'appropriate and consistent' but with the frequency and form of this medical input to be based on local clinical judgement by the PCN.

The new 'Care Home Premium' will provide an additional and specific contribution of £120 per bed per year. This will be £60 in the first year as the requirement to deliver services to care homes will not start until October 2020.

CCGs will be required to maintain the level of funding they provide for existing LES/LIS (especially in relation to care homes) within primary medical care, with a strong recommendation for this to be for the same use as previously (eg, a care homes LES funding would supplement the PCN care homes service spec). There will be a requirement for reinvestment proposals to be discussed with LMCs.

It is explicitly written into the DES that PCNs cannot be contractually responsible for any failure by community service providers for non-delivery of their part of the service.

The full document can be downloaded [here](#).