National GP Contract Agreement 2019: Update

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For All London Practices supported by Londonwide LMCs

Uniquely, this year's national contract agreement represents a five-year deal. Under this settlement core practice contract funding will rise as below:

	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24
Cumulative Increase	£109m	£296m	£525m	£741m	£978m
% annual increase	1.4%	2.3%	2.8%	2.5%	2.7%

Overall, this settlement covers:

- A 'one-off' adjustment to the Global Sum to secure the state-backed indemnity scheme,
- The 1% uplift deferred from the 2018/19 Contract Agreement, payable within the Network Participation Payment, alongside Global Sum, as part of the Network Contract DES reimbursement,
- Extended Hours DES/111 practice appointments Global Sum uplift consequent on the transfer to Primary Care Networks (PCNs) of the responsibility for this DES (£30 million),
- Subject Access Requests related Global Sum uplift (£20 million).

The Global Sum for 2019/20 will rise to £89.88 from the current (2018/19) £88.96, with the OOHs deduction falling to 4.82% (£4.33) from the current 4.87%.

Practices will be paid £1.76 per weighted patient annually (which incorporates the 1% uplift deferred from 2018/19) as the Network Participation Payment, in instalments via the SFE, once a practice has signed up to the (Primary Care) Network Contract DES.

There will be a further indemnity inflation adjustment payable to reflect the average inflationary increase in indemnity costs for general practice in 2018/19 which has been lower than the previous two years; this will be the final such payment to be made following introduction of the state-backed indemnity scheme this April.

The contract also equalises immunisation payments at £10.06, and the MMR catch-up programme. Finally, the Government has committed to reimbursing the 6.3% increase in NHS employers' superannuation costs, and further details of this will follow.

As a consequence of the Contract Agreement, the Doctors and Dentists Pay Review Body (DDRB) will not be asked to make recommendations on GP contractor income for the next five years, and exceptionally not for salaried GPs for 2019/20. The DDRB will continue to make recommendations for GP trainees, trainers, and appraisers, and for salaried GPs from 2020/21 onwards.



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In the context of this year's Contract Agreement, GPC England is recommending, and expecting, that practice staff receive an increase of 2% in 2019/20.

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