

NHSScotland Payments to General Practice

Financial Year 2015/16

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About this release

This annual release is produced by the Information Services Division in partnership with colleagues in Practitioner Services and provides information on NHSScotland payments to General Practices for the financial year 2015/16.

Main points

- In 2015/16 the sum of NHSScotland payments made to 984 General Practice service providers was £753.9 million. This is virtually the same amount as last year.
- £84.6 million was paid to 888 General Practices in 2015/16 for the Quality and Outcomes Framework. This is a decrease of £11.5 million (12.0%) compared to 2014/15. This reduction is largely compensated by an increase in the 'Global Sum' payments.
- The Global Sum was the largest payment made in 2015/16 amounting to £468.4 million to 984 General Practice service providers. This is an increase of £10.6 million (2.3%) compared to 2014/15.
- In addition, slightly over £23 million was paid to 100 General Practices for dispensing services in 2015/16, similar to the previous year.

Background

This publication provides information about actual payments, including analysis of payments by NHS Board area and deprivation. It does not provide information on General Practitioner earnings, which are published by [NHS Digital](#) in September of each year.

The 'Global Sum' payment is made to General Practices on a weighted capitation basis using the [Scottish Allocation Formula](#) based on the practice workload and needs of their patients.

The information is provided in line with the 2015/16 General Medical Services contract; more information about the contract is available on the [British Medical Association](#) and [Scottish Government](#) websites, the latter giving information on the latest GP contracting arrangements in Scotland.

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