

NHSScotland Payments to General Practice

Financial Year 2016/17

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About this release

This publication provides information about NHSScotland payments to General Practices for the financial year 2016/17, including analysis of payments by NHS Board area and deprivation.

Main Points

- In 2016/17 the sum of NHSScotland payments made to 966 General Practices was £798.4 million. An increase of £44.6 million (5.9%) compared to 2015/16.
- The Global Sum was the largest payment made in 2016/17 amounting to £570.7 million to 966 General Practices, incorporating the now retired Quality and Outcomes Framework payment.
- £25.6 million was paid to 898 General Practices in 2016/17 for the Quality and Outcomes Framework. This is a decrease of £59.0 million (69.7%) compared to 2015/16. This reduction is offset by an increase in the 'Global Sum' payments. In 2016/17, the £25.6 million includes the retrospective Quality and Outcomes Framework settlement.
- In addition, £23.1 million was paid to 100 General Practices for dispensing services in 2016/17, similar to the previous year.

Background

This annual release is produced by the Information Services Division in partnership with Practitioner and Counter Fraud Services and provides information on NHSScotland payments to General Practices for the financial year 2016/17. It does not provide information on General Practitioner earnings, which are published by [NHS Digital](#) every September.

Global Sum Payments are a contribution towards the contractor's costs in delivering essential and additional services, including its staff costs.

The Quality & Outcomes Framework (QOF) measures a General Practice's achievement against a set of evidence-based indicators designed to promote good practice. Payments are made to each General Practice on the basis of their level of achievement against those indicators.

The information is provided in line with the agreed 2016/17 General Medical Services (GMS) contract; more information about the contract can be found on the [Scottish Government](#) website. Changes to the contract in Scotland are under discussion and [new contractual arrangements](#) will take place from April 2018.

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Further Information

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