NHSScotland Payments to General Practice

Financial Year 2017/18

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About this release

This release by Information Services Division (ISD) provides information about NHSScotland payments to General Practices for the financial year 2017/18, including analysis of payments by NHS Board area.

Main Points

In 2017/18 the sum of NHSScotland payments made to 959 General Practices was £794.1 million. It appears that investment has decreased by £4.3 million (0.54%) when compared to 2016/17.

- When the impact of a Quality and Outcomes Framework double payment in 2016/17 is adjusted for, payments to general practice actually increased by £21.0 million (2.7%) in 2017/18 (explained in more detail in the Full Report);
- £643.3 million was paid to General Medical Services (GMS) contracted practices run by GPs;
- £112.0 million was paid to locally negotiated contracted practices (17C) run by GPs; and
- £38.8 million was paid to NHS Board run practices (2C).

Type of General Practices and their Total Payment

![Chart showing the total payment over years for different types of practices.](chart.png)
• Of the £794.1 million paid in 2017/18:
  o The Global Sum was the largest payment amounting to £582.0 million to 959 General Practices; and
  o £4.5 million was paid to 894 General Practices for quality leads sessions in the new Transitional Quality Arrangements.
  o In addition to the £794.1 million, £22.9 million was paid to 92 General Practices for dispensing services in 2017/18, 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 2017/18. 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 information is provided in line with the 2018 GMS Contract in Scotland; more information about the contract can be found on the Scottish Government website.

A broad suite of information relating to General Practice in Scotland can be found on the website of the Information Services Division (ISD) of National Services Scotland, and wider information about ISD can be found on the News and Updates section of our website.

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Further Information

Further information can be found in the NHSScotland Payments to General Practice Report and on the General Practice pages of the ISD website.

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