NHSScotland Payments to General Practice
Financial Year 2018/19

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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 2018/19, including analysis of payments by NHS Board area.

Main Points
In 2018/19 the sum of NHSScotland non-dispensing payments made to 946 General Practices was £837.8 million. Investment has increased by £43.7 million (5.5%) when compared to 2017/18 at least partly due to the introduction of the new GMS contract.

- £699.2 million was paid to General Medical Services (GMS) contracted practices run by GPs;
- £101.0 million was paid to locally negotiated contracted practices (17C) run by GPs; and
- £37.6 million was paid to NHS Board run practices (2C).

Type of General Practices and their Total Payment

Of the £837.8 million paid in 2018/19:

- The Global Sum was the largest payment amounting to £597.1 million to 946 General Practices.

In addition to the £837.8 million, £22.3 million was paid to 90 General Practices for dispensing services in 2018/19, 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 2018/19. 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 new GMS contract came into effect from the 1st April 2018, introducing significant increases in funding designed to support a significant change in the delivery of General Medical Services. 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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