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Dear colleagues

Re: General Practice Pay Awards 2018/19

I wrote to you on 20 March 2018 to summarise the outcome of the 2018/19 General Medical Services contract negotiations. A copy of that letter can be found on the NHS England website:

<https://www.england.nhs.uk/wp-content/uploads/2018/03/gp-contract-18-19-letter-to-service.pdf>

In that letter, I noted that, although a 1% pay uplift had been implemented from 1 April 2018, a further contract uplift may be made following the Government's response to any recommendations by the Doctors' & Dentists' Review Body (DDRB).

The Government has now taken decisions on GP pay for 2018/19 and this was announced in a Written Ministerial Statement to Parliament which can be found at the following link:

<https://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-statements/commons-today/>

The Pay Award

The Government has decided to award GPs and practice staff 2% pay uplift in 2018/19, which is to be backdated to 1 April 2018.

Given a 1% pay uplift has already been implemented, it now means a further 1% uplift needs to be implemented and backdated to April to deliver a total of 2%.

As a result, the GMS Global Sum per weighted patient figure will increase by 1.2% to £88.96 (as the baseline on which the pay uplift is calculated includes other costs, such as QOF and enhanced services) as set out in the table below. From 1 April 2019, there will also be the potential for up to an additional 1% to be added to the 2018/19 baseline on top of the 2% already paid, which is conditional on the ongoing contract negotiations.

Detail	Current	Revised	Additional increase	
			£	%
Global Sum price per weighted patient	£87.92	£88.96	£1.04	1.2%

As the National Health Asset & Infrastructure System (NHAIS) has already calculated global sum payments for quarter 2 of 2018/19, the change will be implemented from the start of quarter 3 – i.e. from October 2018. For GMS contracts this will be affected by NHAIS and there is no action for local commissioners.

PMS and APMS contracts

To deliver an equitable and consistent approach to uplifting PMS and APMS contracts commissioners should uplift those local contracts by £1.04 per weighted patient backdated to 1 April 2018.

Salaried GPs

The Government has also decided that from 1 October 2018 the recommended minimum and maximum pay scales for salaried GPs will be uplifted by 2%.

GP trainer grant, GP appraiser fees, clinical educators pay for GP educators

From 1 October 2018, the GP trainer grant and GP appraiser fees will be increased by 3% as will clinical educators' pay for GP educators.

Please ensure that this letter is distributed to all relevant people within your teams.

Yours sincerely



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