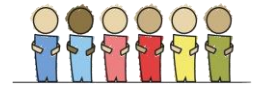
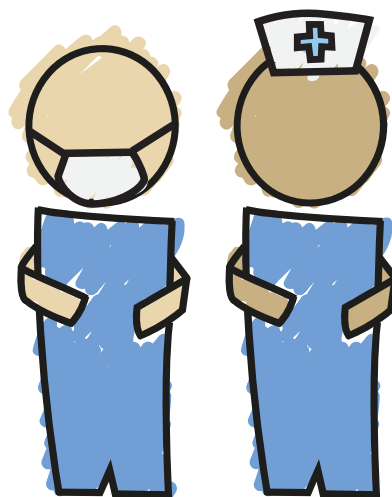


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PAYMENT SYSTEMS AND CONTRACTS IN GENERAL PRACTICE



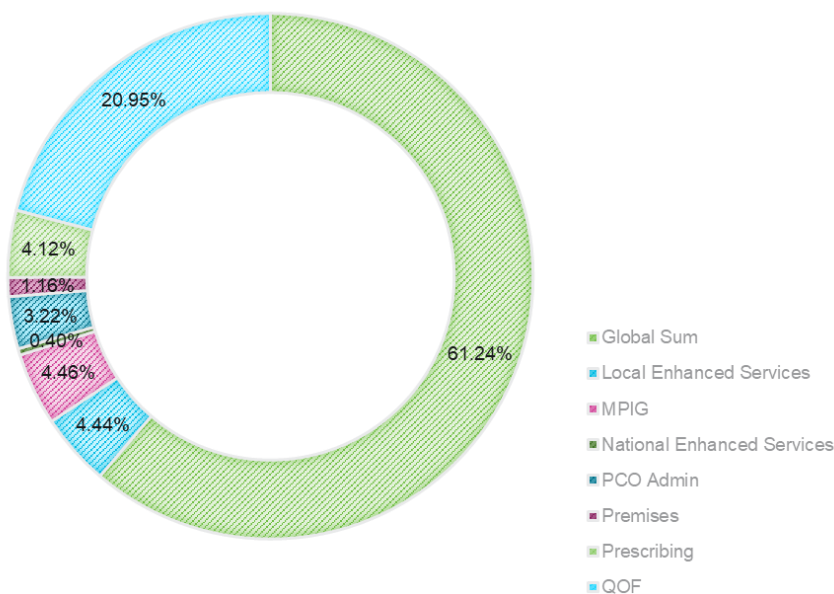


GP INCOME

GPs can get their income via three different contracts

- 1 General Medical Services (GMS) contracts, nationally negotiated with the BMA (around 68.3 per cent of the total number);
- 2 Personal Medical Services (PMS) contracts, locally negotiated (around 27.4 per cent);
- 3 Alternative Provider Medical Services (APMS) contracts, locally negotiated, more flexible and open to a wider range of providers including the independent sector (around 3.6 per cent).

BREAKDOWN OF NHS PAYMENTS TO GENERAL PRACTICE



COMPONENTS OF GP INCOME

GLOBAL SUM

This funds a practice for delivering essential and additional services to its registered list of patients. This is the biggest source of income.

The bulk of these payments are determined by an allocation formula which funds practices based on practice workload and circumstances (including patient demographics such as need (morbidity and mortality), age and gender).

ENHANCED SERVICES

This allows practices to provide special services that are not covered within the essential services of the contract.

For the year 2015/16, the Enhanced Services tariff will include

- Facilitating Timely Diagnosis and Support of Dementia
- Learning Disabilities
- Extended Opening Hours
- Avoiding Unplanned Admissions

Minimum Practice Income Guarantee is a financial protection scheme which many practices currently receive additional income from.

It was introduced when the contract payment structure changed in 2004 and are gradually being phased out.

Primary Care Organisation (PCO) Admin Funds include

- Payments for locums covering maternity, paternity and adoption leave
- Payments for locums covering sickness leave
- Payments for locums to cover for suspended doctors
- Payments in respect of prolonged study leave
- Seniority payments
- Doctors' retainer scheme

COMPONENTS OF GP INCOME

QOF

The QOF is a voluntary scheme that provides funding to support achievement of a range of quality standards, by rewarding practices for the volume and quality of care delivered to their patients. It measures practice achievement against evidence based clinical, public health, quality and productivity and patient experience indicators. Although voluntary, the majority of practices participate.

Practices score points according to their levels of achievement and payments are calculated on the points the practices achieve.

PREMISES

Many GP practices own their premises and make these available to the NHS for patient care.

GPs borrow the capital to build the premises and there are schemes that compensate the practice for this, for example borrowing costs (formerly known as cost rent) or notional rent reimbursement.

DISPENSING

These payments only apply to those practices that provide dispensing services.

FOR INFO

For a Practice on a Standard GMS Contract with approx. 2050 registered patients

- Global Sum £132,749
- MPIG £9,669
- Premises £2,520
- PCO Admin £6,973
- QOF £45,413
- National Enhanced Services £864
- Local Enhanced Services £9,628
- Prescribing £8,936