

Statement on PMS Uplift for 2005/06

PMS (Payments for Specific Purposes) Directions

Certain payments to PMS practices that are covered by legislation have been uplifted by 3.225% in line with the same items in the GMS Statement of Financial Entitlements.

These are covered by the Personal Medical Services Agreements (Payments for Specific Purposes) Directions 2005, where the conditions are set out in full. The level of payments are:

- Doctors' retainer scheme payments (a payment of **£59.18** per full session worked by the member of the Doctor's retainer scheme in any week, up to a maximum of four sessions per week).
- Prolonged study leave payments (a payment of **£133.68** in respect of each week for which the GP performer is on prolonged study leave).

Under the same directions, the following figures have not been uplifted in PMS (nor have they been for GMS);

- Doctor's returner scheme (an annual returner scheme doctor Payment of **£1,050**)
- Flexible careers scheme (annual FCS doctor payment of **£1,050**)

Seniority

PMS practitioners are entitled to the same increases in seniority as GMS practitioners. The revised scale for 2005/06 is set out in paragraph 13.12 of the Statement of Financial Entitlements. As in 2003/04 and 2004/05, this can be distributed either through an overall uplift to the practice's baseline or through an uplift to notional seniority entitlements of individual practitioners, as explained in paragraphs 3.2 to 3.3 of *Sustaining Innovation Through New PMS Arrangements*.

Baselines

There is no official national uplift figure for 2005-2006. Uplifts to PMS baselines will have to be negotiated locally. In reaching a reasonable figure, practices will need to take into account the following factors:

- The baseline increase for PMS received by its PCO.
- The fact GMS global sums are not being uplifted for 05/06, but were initially to have been uplifted by 1.47% for 05/06, before an agreement was reached in May 2003, following the special conference of LMCs, not to proceed with this uplift in exchange for not proceeding with the imposition of a penalty of 150 quality points for all MPIG practices.
- The fact that other SFE payments (locum allowance amounts covering sickness leave, maternity, paternity, and adoption leave and prolonged study leave), improved access scheme, childhood immunisation scheme set out in the Statement of Financial Entitlements are being uplifted by 3.225%, and that Part 3 dispensing fees have increased by 5.4%

Quality and Outcomes Framework

For PMS practices participating in the national QOF, the value of quality points will increase by 60% to £124.60, as they will for GMS practices. The quality points offset for PMS practices will fall to 109 points.