

FAQs for the global sum funding and uplift section of 2016/17 GMS guidance

What's the financial settlement? Is this more than last year?

NHS England and GPC have agreed an investment of £220 million into the contract for 2016/17. This investment is to uplift the contract and to take into account increasing expenses, covering:

- a pay uplift of 1 percent,
- an increase in the item of service fee for vaccinations and immunisations to £9.80,
- changes in the value of a QOF point as a result of a Contractor Population Index (CPI) adjustment
- funding to cover increased business expenses (including additional Care Quality Commission costs)

This represents an increased investment of 3.2% over and above the position if the contract had rolled forward unchanged.

Are these changes just for GMS practices?

No, we will apply these changes equitably to all contractor groups (where it applies), so both PMS and some APMS practices will benefit from the increased investment in primary care

Can you explain the changes to global sum?

The table sets out how much global sum has increased in percentage and cash terms from 2015/16.

Table 1: New Value of Global Sum from 01/04/2016

Value of Global Sum 2015/16	£76.14*
Plus change from 01/04/2016	£4.45
Global Sum from 01/04/2016	£80.59
% increase in Global Sum	5.9%

*In 2015/16 the value of global sum changed mid-year, to accommodate a reduction in seniority payments with simultaneous reinvestment into global sum. This was carried out mid-year in October 2015. Therefore the value of global sum for the first half of 2015/16 was £75.77, and for the second half of 2015/16 was £76.51. In order to most accurately demonstrate the increase for the whole year 2015/16 to 2016/17, we have used the mean average of those two figures, £76.14, to represent 2015/16 global sum.

How does that increase break down?

The table below sets out how the elements that make up the global sum increase.

Table 2: Increase in Global Sum from 01/04/2016

Increase due to:	Per weighted patient
	£
Inflationary uplift	£0.85
MPIG reinvested	£0.50
Seniority reinvested	£0.30
Other elements of the deal paid through global sum*	£2.07
Enhanced Services reinvested	£0.73
Total increase to Global Sum	£4.45

*These are NIC 3.4% rate abolition, superannuation increase, CQC fees, indemnity insurance

What are MPIG and seniority reinvestments?

Minimum Practice Income Guarantee (MPIG) payments are being phased out from 2014/15, over a seven year period. Each year the MPIG total payment to practices is reduced by one seventh with the money reinvested into global sum. This is the third year of that process and will continue through to 2020/21.

Similarly, NHS England and GPC agreed to phase out seniority payments from 2014/15, simultaneously reinvesting that money back into global sum, a process which will end in 2020. The first reduction and reinvestment happened from October 2015 and will now happen from April each year.

Why was there a seniority change mid-year?

NHS England and GPC agreed to wait until October 2015 to make the first reinvestment as that was the earliest NHS England's audited accounts for 2014/15 were available.

What effect has this mid-year change had?

As discussed above, the value of global sum changed mid-way through 2015/16.

It also means that there was a relatively large change in seniority payments in 2015/16 and a smaller one in 2016/17. This is because the planned change in 2015/16 (11.4%) had to be made over six months, but the same planned change in 2016/17 (11.8%) will be made over twelve months. The percentage reductions vary each year as they take account of the latest total actual payments and seniority payment changes arising from a combination of progression (those GPs rising up the seniority scale) and attrition (those retiring / resigning).

The table below sets out the new seniority figures for 2016/17.

Table 3: Seniority payment scales for 2016/17

Years of reckonable service	Adjusted rate of full annual payments from 1st October 2015	Full annual rate of payment per practitioner from 1st April 2016
0	£0.00	£0.00
1	£0.00	£0.00
2	£0.00	£0.00
3	£0.00	£0.00
4	£0.00	£0.00
5	£0.00	£0.00
6	£0.00	£0.00
7	£0.00	£0.00
8	£581.27	£0.00
9	£650.74	£646.98
10	£728.71	£725.35
11	£815.94	£812.18
12	£913.97	£909.76
13	£1,023.59	£1,018.87
14	£1,147.10	£1,141.81
15	£1,284.50	£1,278.58
16	£2,458.62	£2,447.29
17	£2,704.87	£2,692.40
18	£2,975.04	£2,961.33
19	£3,272.24	£3,257.16
20	£3,599.54	£3,582.95
21	£3,959.26	£3,941.02
22	£5,237.59	£5,213.45

23	£5,395.06	£5,370.20
24	£5,556.40	£5,530.79
25	£5,723.14	£5,696.76
26	£5,895.28	£5,868.11
27	£6,072.05	£6,044.07
28	£6,349.18	£6,319.92
29	£6,526.72	£6,496.65
30	£6,709.67	£6,678.75
31	£6,897.25	£6,865.47
32	£7,091.01	£7,058.33
33	£7,281.68	£7,248.12
34	£7,493.19	£7,458.66
35	£7,703.16	£7,667.66
36	£7,918.53	£7,882.03
37	£8,140.84	£8,103.33
38	£8,368.56	£8,330.00
39	£8,602.46	£8,562.82
40	£8,844.08	£8,803.32
41	£9,091.10	£9,049.20
42	£9,345.84	£9,302.77
43	£9,607.52	£9,563.25
44	£9,876.93	£9,831.41
45	£10,153.28	£10,106.49
46	£10,437.35	£10,389.26
47	£10,729.92	£10,680.47

Which enhanced services have been reinvested?

The dementia enhanced service has been ended, with its £42m funding reinvested into global sum.