

CHANGES TO YOUR CONTRACT 2006/07

The only new money for General Practice in 2006/07 is via these four DESs:

Access to general practice services

There will be four main components to the new access DES: the opportunity to consult a GP within two working days, the opportunity to book appointments in advance, ease of telephone access to the surgery, and the opportunity for the patient to consult their practitioner of preference.

There will be a total investment of up to £108m in England, assuming full uptake and achievement. This comprises £55m from QOF Access payments and £53m from the former access DES.

Choice and Booking

This one year DES is designed to provide an incentive to practices both to offer choices to patients who are referred for a consultant outpatient appointment by a GP and to utilise the Choose and Book system.

In 2006/07 PCTs will have a duty to make payments to practices at the end of the year in respect of this DES, providing that the results of a new patient experience survey and/or electronic booking validation are sufficient to trigger an award. An award of component 1 is not dependent on an award of component 2 and vice versa. Aspiration payments will be made in year and final payment for delivering booking arrangements will be made by PCTs upon receipt of national data.

This DES is valued at 96p per registered patient which is split equally between the following two components:

- component one is an award for offering choice to patients through a discussion between the GP and patient about the range of a clinically appropriate choice of providers
- component two is an award made in response to the practice's utilisation of the Choose and Book systems. This will include bookings made in the GP surgery, by the appointments line, on the internet, through a local booking service or via Indirectly Bookable Services (IBS).

Towards Practice Based Commissioning (PBC)

This one year DES provides encouragement to practices to engage in PBC. It directs PCTs to offer this enhanced service to all of their general practices from April 2006. Practices will be entitled to an award for component one

(95p per registered patient) of this DES when a plan to deliver the DES has been agreed with the PCT. This payment reflects the practice's time involved in developing and implementing the practice plan. Practices must receive the award for component one to be eligible for component two.

Practices who successfully deliver the agreed plan and its objectives will be able to reallocate either the resources associated with component two of the DES or any freed up resource made against the agreed PBC budget. Component two resources will not be available in addition to any resources freed up from the PBC budget where they already equal or exceed the equivalent value of component two.

Information Management and Technology

This DES is designed to facilitate Information Management and Technology (IM&T) adoption to support the delivery of the National Programme for IT. It requires PCTs to award practices specified, non-recurring payments following successful preparation for and adoption of IT systems and processes. There will be variations in the timing of roll out of these systems across the country. Therefore timing of payments in respect of this DES will also vary across the country.

This DES will support practices to become properly equipped for the innovative new IT approaches to patient service delivery. Practices will be required to:

- actively implement the key national initiatives
- ensure that all appropriate practice staff, clinical and non-clinical, receive adequate training to equip them to adopt new methods and systems
- provide adequate support to ensure smooth service delivery during installation of new systems and their adaptation to new ways of working
- acquire accreditation of the quality of electronic record keeping.

The value of this DES is £1.33 per registered patient.

This has been split into four components:

- in order to receive an upfront, first component payment practices will need to agree a written practice plan with the PCT. This payment acknowledges the commitment and planning the practice will need to invest ahead of programme deployments
- practices will receive a further payment following data accreditation
- practices will receive a further payment for successful completion of the requirements set out in paragraphs 13 and 14 of Annex 7
- practices will receive a further payment following migration to a Connecting for Health accredited hosted system.

QOF Points 2006/07 – removal, redistribution, assignment

Indicator set	Points removed	Points remaining	Redistributed indicators	Points added	Indicator new total
Holistic points	80	20	CHD08	1	17
Quality practice payments	30	gone	BP05	1	57
Asthma 7 (flu vaccs)	12	gone	DM06	1	17
Mental health 3	3	gone	DM12	1	18
Mental health 4	2	1	COPD6	1	7
Mental health 5	3	2	COPD7	1	7
Disease Registers			Records 20 (70% summarising)	12	12
CHD	2	4	Education 2	2	6
Stroke & TIA	2	2	PE1	3	33
Hypertension	3	6	PE2	5	25
COPD	2	3	TOTAL	28	
Epilepsy	1	1	NEW INDICATORS		
Hypothyroidism	1	1	Dementia	20	
Cancer	1	5	Depression	33	
Mental health	3	4	CKD	27	
Asthma	3	4	Atrial Fibrillation	30	
Organisational			Obesity	8	
Records 1	1	gone	Palliative Care	6	
Records 2	1	gone	Mental Health	9	
Records 4	1	gone	Learning Disability	4	
Records 5	1	gone	Records 21	1	
Records 6	1	gone	TOTAL	138	
Records 7	1	gone			
Records 12	2	gone			
Records 14	3	gone			
Info for patients 1	.5	gone			
Info for patients 2	.5	gone			
Info for patients 6	.5	gone			
Info for patients 8	1	gone			
Management 2	.5	1			
Management 10	2	2			
Medicines 1	2	gone			
TOTAL POINTS TAKEN	166				

For further information and guidance on the new QOF please refer to the BMA website 'The Quality and Outcomes Framework 2006' <http://www.bma.org.uk/> or our website www.derbyshirelmc.org.uk under the "Focus on" tab.

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