



## DDLMC SUMMARY OF GP CONTRACT CHANGES 2019/2018 – 31 January 2019

The BMA and NHS have announced the details of the changes to the GP contract. The headlines are as follows:

- **The contract spans the next 5 years with core increases in line with predicted inflation**
  - Overall 1.4% increase in 2019 including 2% pay uplift
  - £20m recurrent costs for dealing with SARs
  - £2m paid to practices in 2017 for Capita incompetence will become recurrent
  - Rise in superannuation costs fully funded
- **State Backed Indemnity Scheme**
  - Covers clinical negligence for all GPs and staff in NHS GP Providers
  - Covers both in and out of hours for NHS Work
  - GPs will still need MDO cover for GMC Representation and other work
- **Primary Care Networks delivered through a new Networks DES**
  - Covers geographically contiguous patient population, typically between 30-50,000
  - Led by GP Clinical Director funded by DES (an average of a day a week)
  - £1.50 per patient recurrent funding to fund development
  - From 2019 should employ 1 clinical pharmacist (70% recurrent funding from NHSE) and 1 social prescriber (100% recurrent funding from NHSE)
  - Phased increases to allow employment of physiotherapists, physicians associates and community paramedics.
  - In 2019 Existing extended hours DES will transfer into Networks, (approx. £1.45 per patient funding)
  - Extended Access (currently £6 per patient) will also transfer into networks and integrated with extended hours by 2021.
  - More detail about form of Networks and funding to follow (SFE expected in March 2019)
- **IT Digital Support and Access**
  - Standard Specification for all GP IT systems to allow
    - Digitisation of paper medical records (will reduce impact of GDPR SARs)
    - All records transfer between practices to be done using GP2GP
    - All electronic dispensing and repeat prescription ordering by April 2020
  - Online consultations to be offered by 2020
  - Allow access to NHS 111 to book appointments (1 per 3000 patients per day)
  - Cease use of fax for NHS work/patient correspondence by April 2020
- **QOF**
  - Retire 175 points from 28 indicators
  - Recycle 101 points into 15 new indicators
  - 74 points into Quality Improvement Domain including 2 new modules end of life care and prescribing safely
  - Personalised Care Adjustment to replace exception reporting

As ever further detail on all of these changes will be published in due course and the LMC will provide regular updates. In the meantime the BMA have published more details on the announcement and these can be seen at <http://www.bma.org.uk/gpcontractengland>