

Population Health Directorate
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Dear Colleague

General Medical Services Statement of Financial Entitlements for 2017/18

Summary

1. This circular provides a link to the 2017/18 Statement of Financial Entitlements (SFE) for GMS Contractors and replaces PCA(M)(2016)08.
2. The SFE has been agreed with the Scottish General Practitioners' Committee of the BMA.
3. Key changes are the introduction of a payment to reimburse practices for the return of workforce data, raising the maximum amount of sickness pay that can be claimed for locum cover to match the payments for maternity leave whilst removing the discretionary rules around these payments, and an investment into Appraisal payments paid through the Global Sum to reflect the real-terms increase in the costs of completing appraisals.
4. The chapter on Golden Hellos has been rewritten in part to clarify the Scottish Government's policy intention that all GPs moving to an eligible post can qualify for a Golden Hello payment if they have not previously received one.
5. An electronic copy of the SFE can be found on the NHS website at: <http://www.sehd.scot.nhs.uk/pca/PCA2017sfe.pdf>.

Action

6. NHS Boards are requested to bring this circular to the attention of all GP contractors.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Richard Foggo". The signature is written in a cursive style with a small flourish at the end.

Richard Foggo
Deputy Director and Head of Primary Care Division