

Directorate of Primary Care  
General Practice Policy Division



Chief Executives NHS Boards  
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GP Practices

1 July 2025

Dear Colleagues,

**GMS uplift 2025-26**

1. I write to confirm the details of the uplift being applied to the GMS contract for the financial year 2025-26. The PMS allocation letter will follow in due course.
2. Having given very careful consideration to the recommendations of the Review Body on Doctors' and Dentists' Remuneration (DDRB) to uplift GP earnings by 4%, the Scottish Ministers have decided to apply an increase of £39.6 million to the GP contract. The uplift reflects wider AfC uplifts and inflation for non-staff expenses.
3. The uplift will be applied proportionately to the Global Sum and to Income and Expenses Guarantee payments. Income & Expenses Guarantee payment uplifts (4.5%) will be paid as a straight increase to all receiving practices with no recycling.
4. There will also be an increase of £6.4 million to the Global Sum to account for population growth in 2025-26.
5. The Global Sum is now £882.9 million<sup>1</sup>. Payments to practices will be backdated to 1 April 2025.
6. The Scottish Government would advise all practices to apply the AfC uplift of 4.25% to non-GP staff groups unless there are extenuating circumstances, for example staff have received pay uplifts greater than the AfC uplifts since April 2025.

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<sup>1</sup>The exact amount of the Global Sum is £882,898,830.

**Action**

7. I would be grateful if this is brought to the attention of GP practices.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Susan Gallacher".

Susan Gallacher  
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