

SHEFFIELD LOCAL MEDICAL COMMITTEE

NEWSFLASH

GP CONTRACT IN ENGLAND 2014/15

All GPs should have recently received a communication from Dr Chaand Nagpaul, Chair of the General Practitioners Committee (GPC), confirming that negotiations have concluded on changes to the GP contract in England for 2014/15.

The communication can be viewed at:

<http://bma.org.uk/news-views-analysis/general-practice-contract/introduction>

The GPC believes that the negotiated package, as a whole, puts general practice and all GPs in a better position to deliver improvements to patient care and work will now begin on the detailed arrangements for implementation.

The key changes include:

- QOF will be reduced by 341 points, of which 238 will be transferred to core funding and 103 to enhanced services;
- Seniority will be removed over a 6 year period, with a redistribution of released funds to all practices as an addition to core funding;
- The introduction of a new enhanced service on unplanned admissions;
- 3 of the 4 imposed enhanced services from 2013-14 will be removed (Remote Care Monitoring, Patient Online, Risk Profiling);
- New IT systems requirements will be introduced, including the ability for patients to book appointments online and access their Summary Care Record;
- Every patient aged 75 and older will be assigned a named accountable GP to ensure coordinated care.

There has been extensive media coverage and various communications and guidance documents are being disseminated. Sheffield LMC will, of course, keep practices informed of developments via newsletters and newsflashes. However, we would also urge all practices to keep abreast of developments via the *General Practice Contract Changes* page of the GPC website at:

<http://bma.org.uk/news-views-analysis/general-practice-contract>

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