



GMS and PMS Review Update

What is the PMS review and how does it affect GMS practices?

- NHS England's national PMS review's *stated* aim is to give equality of opportunity to all GP practices (PMS and GMS) to deliver services, beyond core, funded by redistributed PMS premium funding.
- PMS practices will be offered the new national core contract, this process started in February 2014 and was supposed to have completed by March 2016.
- The new PMS contract mirrors the GMS contract and does not include any additional elements to attract any additional funding.
- PMS practices are to be offered the opportunity to deliver services funded through reinvestment of their borough's PMS premium funds.
- **GMS practices will also be given this opportunity and hence have equal opportunity to access the borough PMS premium fund.** (In some boroughs, where funds allow, CCGs have decided to 'top up' the fund of withdrawn PMS premiums, increasing the reinvestment across PMS and GMS practices.)
- Some areas are developing 'clarification documents' as a schedule/local specification to the national standard contract but this is not necessarily required and will be subject to local agreement.
- Transition arrangements are also still being discussed.

What led to the pause in the PMS review in London?

- As you are aware, Londonwide LMCs secured a pause to the PMS review in London because the original proposals would have disadvantaged all practices, both PMS and GMS.
- The pause was lifted in November 2016; it was agreed that the Clinical Commissioning Groups' (CCGs) plans for the stabilisation and sustainability of general practice in their area would contain an element for the reinvestment of PMS premiums and that;
 - all withdrawn PMS premium funding must be reinvested in general practice in-year in order to stabilise practices and sustain general practice.
 - funding changes must not risk destabilising general practices locally, or general practice across the borough.
 - there would be a joint Londonwide LMCs/NHS England assurance process to ensure that all conditions, under which the pause was lifted, have been met.

What is the progress to date?

- Over the past few months, borough LMCs and Londonwide LMCs have been working on behalf of all practices to engage with CCGs to support the development of appropriate commissioning intentions for the reinvestment of the premium funding.
- A key principle is that outcome measures must be within the 'gift of the practice' to achieve and be achievable with the PMS premium funds made available.



- The commissioning intentions for the reinvestment of the premium are currently being received by NHS England and will be shared with Londonwide LMCs imminently to be jointly assured.

A number of concerns/issues still need resolving. Your LMC and Londonwide LMCs will continue to work with NHS England/your CCG to resolve these issues which include:

- The need to 'comply with NICE guidelines' as stated in the national core PMS contract.
- Localised specifications of the core PMS contract in some areas.
- PMS practice baseline calculations provided to PMS practices.
- Decommissioning plans for services currently provided with PMS premium funding.
- The development of an appropriate service specification for GMS practices.
- Ensuring that quality improvement plans are fair to all practices.

If you have any concerns relating to these issues please contact your Londonwide LMCs' sector team:

- [North West London](#)
- [North Central and North East London](#)
- [South London](#)

Returning to GMS

Remember, eligible PMS practices may choose to revert to GMS at any time, please contact our [GP support team](#) first if you are considering this. **You do not need to make a decision at this stage.**

Best wishes.

Londonwide LMCs
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