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Welsh GMS Contract 22-23

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22/23 contract – Financial: Pay & Expenses

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- DDRB uplift of 4.5% for contractor GP pay, backdated to April 2022 (**£7.4m**)
- Uplift of 4.5% to staff pay expenses to ensure “*all existing practice staff receive a 4.5% uplift to their gross pay*” backdated to April 2022. This meets the DDRB recommendation for the salaried GP pay uplift. (**£7.5m**)
- Uplifts calculated according to NHS Digital Earnings to Expenses ratio (EER) as at Sept 2022 (EER = 38.6/61.4)
- General expenses uplift of **£2.718m**
- GSUM April 22 = **£103.91 pwp**
- Continuation of **£4m** Capacity Fund for further two financial years to enable match-funded recruitment (with evaluation of utilisation & impact)

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22/23 contract– Financial: Future of QAIF

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- **Clinical QAIF domain** will transfer to core from 1 October 2022 = £9m into global sum.
Requirement to provide data on indicators will remain; datasets and business rules will continue.
- **CGSAT & IG Toolkit** to core from 1 October 2022 = £5.7m into global sum.
Next toolkit due by 31 March 2024, then on annual basis.
- **Cluster QAIF domain** to core from 1 October 2022 = £7.2m into global sum
- Partial transfer of **Activity data QI project** to core (at 35 points) from 1 October 2022 = £2.5m into global sum

= Total of £24.4m funding consolidated

GSUM October 22 = £111.40 pwp



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22/23 contract– Future of Access QAIF

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- Current **pre-qualifier access standards** (previously Phase 1) will be mandated through the contract as of 1 April 2023 and will form part of 'Unified Services'
- Commitment to task & finish group to identify national solutions to the **provision of digital tools**
- The **current Phase 2 Standards** will remain in QAIF (100 QAIF points = £7.2m) for the 2023/24 cycle to allow for evaluation.
 - *Subject to evaluation*, the Phase 2 Standards are intended to be mandated as 'Unified Services' with 40 QAIF points to global sum as of 1 April 2024.
 - The requirement for an annual reflective access report will be retained in QI with 60 points payable upon achievement.



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22/23 contract– Quality Improvement

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- Via the Quality T&F group we will develop a **QI Project Assurance Framework** which will strengthen how projects develop, are valued, and released in a timely manner.
- Agreement to **realign QI project delivery timescale** to the financial year from 1 April 2024. Transition funding for next 18 months will be agreed to mitigate any negative financial impacts.
- For upcoming cycle, QI basket @ 170 points will be revised to consist of:
 - Mandatory prevention of unhealthy behaviours project
 - Mandatory data project
 - Mandatory phase 2 green inhaler project

QIF point revalued at **£189** per weighted point



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22/23 contract– QI: Prevention

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- Tackling unhealthy behaviours is a key Ministerial priority, particular focus on obesity/high BMI, high risk alcohol intake and tobacco use
- Standardised national **new patient questionnaire template** which will capture information those unhealthy behaviours and assist signposting to relevant support.
- We will develop a **Prevention of unhealthy behaviours QI project** which will enable practices to consider how they currently and in future monitor height, weight and BMI of patients with specific long-term/chronic conditions. It will also support practices in ensuring HbA1C measurements are taken and referrals made to AWDPP where appropriate.



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22/23 contract– Non-financial changes 1

- Agreement to a tripartite meeting taking place within 24 hours at the request of the Minister in an **emergency situation**, to discuss GMS response
- Agreement to **extend single-handed GP contract notice** period to six months, with built in reasonability factor.
- Mandatory **pre-employment checks** for new practice staff
- Reinforcement of need for **partnership agreement** and **business continuity plans**
- Continuation of **PLT agreement of 6 sessions/year** (2 x HB with cover, 2 x Collaborative, 2 x practice) on Oct – Sept cycle. Recognising the problems last year, sustainable and national solutions to be discussed (e.g. 111) in implementation group

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22/23 contract– Non-financial changes 2

- **Core and normal service opening hours will be clarified** to prohibit half day/lunch time closures Mon-Fri (with the exception of branch surgeries). Requirement for patients to be able to physically access the reception at a minimum of one practice site between 08:30 and 18:00.
- Practices who offer **private services unrelated to GMS and not available via the NHS** must advertise those services clearly and separately to other services provided.
- Amendment to regulations to **enable digital authorisation of prescriptions** to support future e-prescribing rollout.
- **Interface with OOH services:** care navigation of any consultation details or information requests received from OOH as soon as possible.

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22/23 contract– Embedding previous agreements



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- Making previous contractual agreements mandatory within contract regulations:
 - WNWRS data input and submission
 - GP escalation tool usage
 - Removal of patient charge for Mental Health & Debt Evidence forms



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Heads of terms
Task and Finish
Groups

GMS Contract
implementation
group 22/23

Data and Digital
T&F

- Appropriate digital record access
- Digital tools

Recovery and
Transformation T&F

- GP role in backlog
- Pathways/Interface
- Continuity of care
- Urgent care
- GP collaboratives and at scale ES

Workforce and
Sustainability T&F

- Review of incentive schemes
- Salaried GP job roles & expectations
- Performers List Review

Premises T&F

- Review of Premises Cost Directions

Vaccs & Imms T&F

- National Immunisation framework

Quality
Improvement T&F

- QI Assurance Process
- Prescribing indicators & standards



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Outcomes
to inform
23/24 negs

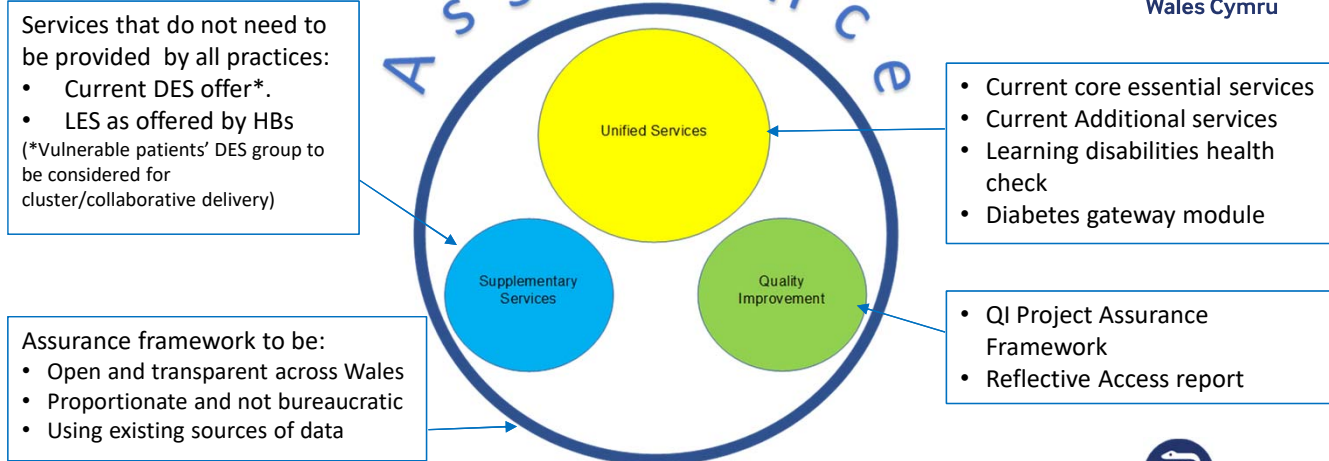


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Unified Contract and legislation

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- Foundations of the Unified contract have been laid in the 22/23 agreement with abolition of QAIF and consolidation of funding. Redefinition of terminology is largely a contractual tidy-up and therefore new contract will not present a 'Big bang' moment.
- But, the contract will be underpinned by **new GMS regulations** and therefore must go through the Senedd legislative procedure and be put to public consultation. This will likely be on the strategic outline and direction.
- It is anticipated the consultation will begin **from April 2023** with a view to **October 2023 implementation**

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