



Llywodraeth Cymru
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Cymru Wales

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Dear colleagues,

Given the recent communications, we wanted to collectively take the opportunity to write to the profession regarding progress and next steps with negotiations for the General Medical Services (GMS) Contract for 2019-20.

We acknowledge that due to the length of time the negotiation process is taking – which reflects the challenges to reach a deal which is fair for both the taxpayer and the profession - there are implications of the timing of payment runs. For April, practices will see a reduction in global sum payments for this period. A meeting has, however, been confirmed for the negotiation committee of Welsh Government, NHS Wales and GPC Wales to meet on Wednesday 10 April to discuss the offer for 2019/20 further. All parties remain hopeful that an agreement will be reached shortly which will involve significant new investment and a net increase in funding for all practices. This will be backdated for the 2019/20 contract year and the adjustment is a timing issue given the indemnity scheme launched on 1 April.

Our shared commitment remains to negotiate an agreement that underpins the sustainability of General Practice and to reach an agreement that is fair and proportionate for all parties. We will provide further correspondence in due course.

Yours sincerely,

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