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29 August 2019

Dear Andrew,

**GMS uplift 2019/20**

I write to confirm the details of the uplift being applied to the GMS contract for the financial year 2019/20.

Having given very careful consideration to the recommendations of the Review Body on Doctors’ and Dentists’ Remuneration (DDRB), and the wider position on public sector pay policy including recently announced NHS pay settlement, Scottish Ministers have decided to uplift GP pay net of expenses by 2.5%. This will be accompanied by an increase of 3% for practice staff pay (in line with wider Agenda for Change uplifts) and an uplift of 1.9%, according to the CPI inflation measure, for non-staff expenses.

This represents a 3.1% uplift to the Global Sum and to the Income and Expenses Guarantee which will be paid as a straight increase to all practices with no recycling.

In addition there will be a further £4.2 million added to the Global Sum for the cost of population growth in 2018/19.

I can therefore confirm that for the financial year of 2019/20 the Global Sum and Income and Expenses Guarantee will be uplifted by a total of £23.2 million. This equates to an increase of 3.23% of the total value of the contract in 2018/19.

I am sorry that the clarification of uplift has come so late in the year but as you know we were awaiting the recommendations of the DDRB.

I have copied this letter to Lewis Morrison.

Yours sincerely,



**Richard Foggo**

Director of Population Health and Head of Primary Care