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Directors of Primary,
Community and Mental
Health Services and
Directors of Finance of Local
Health Boards

Business Services Centres

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Dear Colleague

General Medical Services Contract: Uplift to Enhanced Services from 1st April 2010

You will be aware that the Doctors and Dentists Review Body (DDRB) recommended an uplift of 1.34% on General Medical Services contract payments. This was intended to result in no increase to General Medical Practitioners' net income after allowing for movement in their expenses.

Following the DDRB recommendations the UK Health Departments, after agreement by their Ministers, applied a 1% efficiency saving to the expenses of GPs. This resulted in reducing the uplift by 0.5% to produce a 0.8% net uplift.

The 2010/11 uplift will now be applied differentially between Global Sum (GS), Global Sum Equivalent (GSE), the Quality and Outcomes Framework (QOF), Enhanced Services and Locum Payments. The Directions to Local Health Boards as to the Statement of Financial Entitlements (SFE) will be amended and issued in due course which will reflect the differential uplifts for GS, GSE, QOF and Locum Payments. The amendment Direction will be retrospective to 1st April 2010.

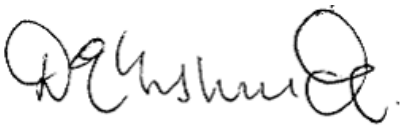
Taking account of the formula for applying differential uplifts, enhanced services will be uplifted by 0.41% from 1st April 2010. Where appropriate the revised figures for Directed Enhanced Services (DESs) will be reflected in an amendment to the 2007 and 2009 Primary Medical Services (Directed Enhanced Services) (Wales) Direction. This amendment Direction will follow in due course. However, for ease of reference, I have attached at Annex 1, a

list of the current DESs which outline the old rates and the new rates that should be applied from 1st April 2010.

Local Health Boards will also need to apply themselves a 0.41% increase to the current National Enhanced Services and Local Enhanced Services that are being commissioned.

An allocation will be made in due course to LHBs to take account of this year's 2010/11 pay agreement.

Yours sincerely



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cc General Practitioners Committee (Wales)

ANNEX 1

UPLIFT TO DIRECTED ENHANCED SERVICES FROM 1ST APRIL 2010

Directed Enhanced Service	Old Rate (£)	Percent increase	New Rate (£)
Childhood Immunisations – 90% Target	8636.74	0.41	8672.15
Childhood Immunisations – 70% Target	2878.91	0.41	2890.71
Pre-school Boosters – 90% Target	2675.21	0.41	2686.18
Pre-school Boosters – 70% Target	891.74	0.41	895.40
Influenza and Pneumococcal Immunisation	7.64	0.41	7.67
Violent Patients:- Retainer Fee Consultation Fee In-hours Consultation Fee Out of Hours Infrastructure Costs	 2168.37 43.37-86.73 54.20-108.42 2710.48	 0.41 0.41 0.41 0.41	 2177.26 43.55-87.09 54.42-108.86 2721.59
Minor Surgery:- Injection Cutting surgery	 43.37 86.73	 0.41 0.41	 43.55 87.09
Mental Illness	81.40	0.41	81.73
Learning Disabilities	101.75	0.41	102.17
Extended Hours Access	1.93	0.41	1.94
Asylum Seeker and Refugee:- 1st year 2nd and 3rd year	 101.75 50.88	 0.41 0.41	 102.17 51.09
Homeless:- Annual Retainer	 1083.64	 0.41	 1088.08

Per patient	107.86	0.41	108.30
Care Homes Scheme	152.63	0.41	153.26
Diabetes:- 60% or more of patients managed in practice programme 60% or more of patients managed according to the targets	 10.18 20.35	 0.41 0.41	 10.22 20.43