

SHEFFIELD LOCAL MEDICAL COMMITTEE

NEWSFLASH

GP CONTRACT CHANGES

GPC SURVIVAL GUIDE UPDATE

Further to the LMC Newsflash issued on 9 April 2013, the General Practitioners Committee (GPC) has now issued guidance on changes to the Quality and Outcomes Framework (QOF) as follows:

- Major clinical changes have been made to the QOF, including changes rejected by the GPC during negotiations. More details can be found in the GPC's QOF Clinical Changes Survival Guide, available at:
<http://bma.org.uk/practical-support-at-work/contracts/gp-contract-survival-guide/survival-guide-qof-clinical-changes>
- Upper thresholds have been increased for 20 QOF indicators to match upper quartile achievement. The remaining upper thresholds will similarly increase from 2014. After 2015 upper thresholds will continue to rise with overall achievement.
- Most of the organisational indicators in QOF have been removed.
- The time period for achieving most QOF indicators has been reduced from 15 to 12 or 27 to 24 months. More detail can be found in the GPC's QOF Reduced Time Periods Survival Guide, available at:
<http://bma.org.uk/practical-support-at-work/contracts/gp-contract-survival-guide/survival-guide-qof-time-period>
- The Contractor Population Index (CPI) in QOF will be changed to reflect current average practice populations. The value of QOF points will be increased in April 2014 to make this change cost neutral in year one.

As noted in the LMC Newsflash issued on 26 March 2013, the 2013/14 QOF guidance has recently been published and can be downloaded from the NHS Employers (NHSE) website at:

<http://www.nhsemployers.org/Aboutus/Publications/Documents/qof-2013-14.pdf>

Further GPC Survival Guides will be issued shortly.

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