

Prescribing Incentive Scheme 2019-20
Clarification of Payment for Element 1 (prescribing within budget allocation)

The Prescribing Incentive Scheme (PIS) 2019-20 was approved at the CCG Executive Committee meeting in February and the subsequent Finance Committee meeting in March. The CCG Executive Committee was presented with four payment options for the scheme and, after some discussion, agreed on one which was included in the final PIS documentation which was circulated to practices on 17th April.

However, through discussion at a number of subsequent meetings with practices, localities and clinical leads, it has become clear that there was some differing interpretation of this important element of the incentive scheme and further clarification was required. We therefore hope that the following wording will help to provide reassurance.

5.1 Payment

Practices are encouraged to work towards achievement of all four elements, however payment will only be triggered if the practice or primary care network (PCN) achieves the Element 1 target at year end ie. keeps within budget. If successful, payment will be made for all other element targets which are met.

Table 1: Payments

Element 1: prescribing within budget allocation	£0.15 or £0.30 per registered patient*
Element 2: quality - use of PINCER	£0.30 per registered patient
Element 3: antibacterial items per STAR PU PLUS % high risk antimicrobials	£0.15 per registered patient
Element 4: cost saving audit	£0.25 per registered patient
Max total payment	£1.00 per registered patient

* payment for Element 1 will be either £0.15 or £0.30 per patient as per the table below

Practice achievement	PCN achievement	Payment received (£ per patient)
Y	Y	£0.30
N	Y	£0.15
Y	N	£0.15
N	N	£0

This means that if *either* the practice *or* the PCN (or both) achieve the budget element then the gateway to payment for the other elements of the scheme will be triggered. There is no longer the need to choose whether to work at practice or PCN level as we will monitor *both* for all areas of the CCG and achievement will be rewarded as described above.

The Medicines Optimisation team will update the PIS documentation to reflect this clarification.

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