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## 2018 GMS Contract



The following documents have been published:

The National Health Service (General Medical Services Contracts) (Scotland) Regulations 2018

<http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ssi/2018/66/contents/made>

The National Health Service (Primary Medical Services Section 17C Agreements) (Scotland) Regulations 2018

<http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ssi/2018/67/contents/made>

## GP Annual Certificate (GAC)



**Submission deadline: 28th February 2018**

We would like to remind all practices/practitioners yet to submit their 2016-17 GACs, that the submission deadline date for guaranteed inclusion in our March 2018 processing and therefore inclusion in Financial Year 2017-18, is Wednesday, 28th February 2018.

Any GACs submitted beyond that date risk being delayed until April 2018 processing and thus missing inclusion in Financial Year 2017-18 for accounting purposes.

## Fit for Work Scotland



**The 'Fit for Work Scotland' assessment service is closing**

As of 1st March 2018, the Fit for Work Scotland assessment service will no longer accept referrals. However, for those who would normally have been referred into this service, an alternative is available through Working Health Services Scotland where people will continue to receive

support for a healthy return to work.

Should you wish to do this, please select 'Health Works' on the SCI gateway queue:

- Non-NHS Entities > Health Works > Occupational Health
- Protocol > Health Works Referral

Please note that the Fit for Work Scotland Adviceline, website and web chat, which offer general health and work advice as well as support on sickness absence, remains available.

If your practice has any Fit for Work Scotland promotional materials currently on display, please ensure that these are removed and destroyed. Please also note that these items will no longer be available to order from the Web2Print service from this date.

Should you require more information, please contact the Adviceline on 0800 019 2211.

## NHS Circulars, Guidance & Information



Historic circulars can be searched on:

<http://www.scot.nhs.uk/publications/>

## Regional Office Contact Details

All Regional office contact details are available on the Practitioner Services website.

If you cannot find a member of staff or their contact details are missing, please let us know and we will update the lists accordingly.

<https://nhsns.org/services/practitioner/medical/contact-us/>



## 2017-18 Seasonal Influenza & Vaccination Campaign



GP Practices are requested to send to us a single figure for the total number of patients (i.e. a denominator figure) who are in eligible groups within their practice area as part of their immunisation claim.

This information should be submitted by 31st March 2018 through our on-line survey tool:

<http://www.nssssurvey2.scot.nhs.uk/index.php?r=survey/index/sid/231965/lang/en>

The groups to include are as listed in NHS Circular: PCA(M)(2017)02, ie:

- (a) 2 to 5 year old children (inclusive) not in any "at-risk" group,
- (b) 2 to 5 year old children (inclusive) in "at-risk" groups,
- (c) 6 months to 2 years (exclusive) in "at-risk" group,
- (d) 12 years to 18 years (exclusive) in "at-risk" group, and
- (e) 18 years to 65 years (exclusive) in "at-risk" group

This information is very important to Health Protection Scotland (HPS) in validating their in-season vaccine uptake estimates which are reported in their weekly report:

<http://www.hps.scot.nhs.uk/resp/resourcedetail.aspx?id=3417>

We have received a number of enquiries regarding the definition of the above groups and have sought clarity from SG, who has responded as follows:

In relation to para 23 'inclusive' means to include the stated aged limits specified e.g. include 2 year olds and 5 year olds.

'Exclusive' means that the stated ages limits should be omitted from consideration.

Para 17 provides some additional details on the eligible groups.

## Revised General Practice Registration Form (GPR)



The Scottish Government is releasing an updated GPR on Thursday 1st March in a circular to all Primary Care professionals.

The revised GPR will be available to download from our website at the following address:  
<https://nhsns.org/services/practitioner/medical/patient-registration/registering-patients/>

Practices should ensure that links are updated from their websites and if the form is held as a stand alone document, that the previous version is replaced by this new version which comes into force on Thursday 1st March 2018.

The circular can be viewed by following the link in the 'NHS Circulars' article. All queries should be made to the addressee on the circular in the first instance.

## Important Dates



Medical Payment date for February: Wednesday 28th February 2018

Earliest date from when e-Statements may be available: Monday 26th February 2018

Medical Payment date for February: Friday 30th March 2018

Earliest date from when e-Statements may be available: Tuesday 27th March 2018