



# 2010/11 Workplan Report

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## Summary

The Technical Steering Committee undertakes an agreed programme of work associated with technical aspects of GP contracts, and produces a series of reports for the negotiators. The committee includes representatives from the four UK health departments, NHS Employers and the BMA. The methodologies, information and reports are agreed at regular committee meetings. The Chair and Secretariat are employed by the NHS Information Centre for health and social care.

During the year, the committee developed a number of reports, some of which were completed and published in the following year (2011/12).

## TSC and TSC Negotiators

The TSC Chair and Secretariat are based in the NHS Information Centre for health and social care. They hold regular meetings with TSC's Negotiators and their representatives

During 2010/11, the Negotiators were:

- Dr Laurence Buckman, GPC Chair
- Mr Andrew Clapperton, NHS Employers
- Mr Richard Armstrong, Department of Health (England)
- Ms Marlene Walker, Scottish Government
- Mr John Farrell, Department of Health, Social Services and Public Safety (Northern Ireland)
- Mr Derek Fishwick, Welsh Government.

The Negotiators specify the TSC workplan. The final workplan for 2010/11 is shown in Annex A. This was updated as required throughout the year.

## Financial Investment

During 2010/11, TSC continued to monitor the amount invested in general practice in each country in the UK.

A report looking at investment up to 2009/10 was published in September 2010 and can be found at:

<http://www.ic.nhs.uk/statistics-and-data-collections/primary-care/general-practice/investment-in-general-practice-2003-04-to-2009-10-england-wales-northern-ireland-and-scotland>

TSC were asked to produce a report on GMS expenditure across the UK in 2009/10 to inform global sum uplift.

[http://www.ic.nhs.uk/webfiles/publications/supporting\\_information/GMS\\_Contract\\_Payments\\_2009\\_10.pdf](http://www.ic.nhs.uk/webfiles/publications/supporting_information/GMS_Contract_Payments_2009_10.pdf)

## Earnings and pensions

TSC produced reports looking at GPs' earnings and expenses in 2008/09, based on HMRC data. This was published initially in September 2010, and a full report was published in January 2011. The full report can be found at:

<http://www.ic.nhs.uk/statistics-and-data-collections/primary-care/general-practice/gp-earnings-and-expenses-2008-09-final-report>

A report showing the full time-series of GP earnings and expenses up to 2008/09 was published in October 2010 and updated in February 2011. This does not contain any newly published information, but collated statistics from previously published earnings and expenses reports.

[http://www.ic.nhs.uk/webfiles/publications/007\\_Primary\\_Care/General\\_Practice/GP\\_Earnings\\_and\\_Expenses\\_Time\\_Series\\_feb\\_11.zip](http://www.ic.nhs.uk/webfiles/publications/007_Primary_Care/General_Practice/GP_Earnings_and_Expenses_Time_Series_feb_11.zip)

### Final Seniority Factors

TSC calculated final seniority figures (FSF) for England and Wales for 2007/08. This uses NHS Pensions data to determine the benchmark for calculating GPs' seniority entitlement.

England and Wales 2007/08

[http://www.ic.nhs.uk/webfiles/publications/TSC/Final\\_Seniority\\_Factors\\_for\\_GMS\\_GPs\\_in\\_England\\_and\\_Wales\\_200708.pdf](http://www.ic.nhs.uk/webfiles/publications/TSC/Final_Seniority_Factors_for_GMS_GPs_in_England_and_Wales_200708.pdf)

### Interim Seniority Factors

TSC calculated interim seniority factors (ISF) for 2010/11 and 2011/12 in order that they can be used for the relevant year, before NHS Pensions data is finalised and FSFs can be calculated. These were required for England and Wales, and Northern Ireland.

England and Wales 2010/11

[http://www.ic.nhs.uk/webfiles/publications/TSC/Interim Seniority Factor \(ISF\) Methodology for England and Wales GMS GPs 2010 11.pdf](http://www.ic.nhs.uk/webfiles/publications/TSC/Interim_Seniority_Factor_(ISF)_Methodology_for_England_and_Wales_GMS_GPs_2010_11.pdf)

England and Wales 2011/12

[http://www.ic.nhs.uk/webfiles/publications/TSC/ISF%202011\\_12/Methodology for 2011 12 ISF for England and Wales GMS GPs 0711.pdf](http://www.ic.nhs.uk/webfiles/publications/TSC/ISF%202011_12/Methodology_for_2011_12_ISF_for_England_and_Wales_GMS_GPs_0711.pdf)

Northern Ireland 2010/11

[http://www.ic.nhs.uk/webfiles/publications/TSC/Interim Seniority Factor \(ISF\) Methodology for Northern Ireland GMS GPs 2010 11.pdf](http://www.ic.nhs.uk/webfiles/publications/TSC/Interim_Seniority_Factor_(ISF)_Methodology_for_Northern_Ireland_GMS_GPs_2010_11.pdf)

Northern Ireland 2011/12

[http://www.ic.nhs.uk/webfiles/publications/TSC/ISF%202011\\_12/Methodology for 2011 12 ISF for Northern Ireland GMS GPs 0711.pdf](http://www.ic.nhs.uk/webfiles/publications/TSC/ISF%202011_12/Methodology_for_2011_12_ISF_for_Northern_Ireland_GMS_GPs_0711.pdf)

## Workload, skillmix and list sizes

Papers were produced on workforce trends and average list sizes. Information was included around breakdown of contract type. There were also discussions about information available on WTE figures.

[http://www.ic.nhs.uk/webfiles/publications/TSC/General Practice Trends in the UK.pdf](http://www.ic.nhs.uk/webfiles/publications/TSC/General_Practice_Trends_in_the_UK.pdf)

## Dispensing

TSC calculated a total envelope for dispensing fees and accompanying feescales for dispensed and personally administered items. This covered England and Wales for the year 2010/11.

[http://www.ic.nhs.uk/webfiles/publications/supporting\\_information/Dispensing Feescales GMSContractors England Wales 01October10.pdf](http://www.ic.nhs.uk/webfiles/publications/supporting_information/Dispensing_Feescales_GMSContractors_England_Wales_01October10.pdf)

## Open Data

From April 2011 all data contained in the above reports and publications has also been made available in flat-file format (CSV) on the NHS IC's website, in accordance with the Government's strategy on open and transparent data availability.

## TSC Workplan: 2010/11

- Continue to discuss priorities, products, deadlines and problems with negotiators.
- Report to plenary on TSC's progress, and other issues as requested.
- Produce an end of year report for negotiators, showing progress against the workplan.
- Produce a workplan for 2011/12.

Monitor investment in general practice. For 2006/7 onwards, monitor financial investment against the four contracting groups.

- Approve financial data from the four countries.
- Produce investment in general practice reports on final accounts for 2009/10.
- Produce report to validate distribution of contract uplift applied for 2010/11.

Monitoring of workload and skill mix

- Continue to develop work and reports on workload and skillmix, as required.
- Consider workforce trends including new areas such as APMS.

Monitoring and forecasting of total earnings, GP net incomes and expenses (which included PMS and salaried doctors)

- Conduct Earnings and Expenses Enquiry 2008/09 (published Sept 2010, January 2011)
- Make plans for the Earnings and Expenses Enquiry for 2009/10
- Consider other sources of earnings data e.g. pensions agency and AISMA data.
- Provide figures to calculate final seniority payments for 2007/08 for both England and Wales.
- Produce figures for the calculation of interim seniority factors for 2011/12 for England, Wales and Northern Ireland.

Dispensing doctors

- Determine a figure for the average volume increase (to reflect the average increase in volume over the last 5 years) to be used in uplifting the cost portion of the envelope.
- Calculate the envelope for 2010/11 using the % volume increase and net DDRB award (not yet known for 2010/11)
- Propose a feescale that delivers the envelope for 2010/11, taking into account a mid-year implementation.

Average practice list size

- Produce country level figures on average practice list size and population projections

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