

Population Health Directorate

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Dear Colleague

General Medical Services Statement of Financial Entitlements for 2018/19

Summary

1. This circular provides an updated link to the [2018/19 Statement of Financial Entitlements \(SFE\)](#) for GMS Contractors and replaces [PCA\(M\)\(2018\)03](#). PCA(M)2018)03 extended eligibility to the Golden Hello scheme to an expanded list of remote and rural practices. It also removed the requirement for a GP relocating to one of these practices to have never received a Golden Hello before. The revised Golden Hello makes this eligibility clearer.
2. Paragraph 12.3(d) should now read:

subject to the provisions in this Section for making further payments because of new commitments, they have not previously received (or where they did previously receive a golden hello but subsequently it was wholly repaid) a payment under–

- i. this Section or any previous edition of the General Medical Services Statement of Financial Entitlements;*
- ii. paragraph 15 of the Red Book; or*
- iii. the Golden Hello Scheme under a section 17C (formerly Personal Medical Services) contract.*

unless the new payment is for a remote and rural practice.

3. A new claim form has also been created for claiming [Golden Hellos](#) and other recruitment grants. This replaces the form provided in Annex C of [PCA\(M\)\(2003\)06](#). This form is not obligatory but is recommended for the mutual benefit of practices and Health Boards.
4. It is the intention of the Scottish Government that all performers who commit to working in practices which are eligible for Golden Hellos on grounds of remoteness or rurality should be granted equivalent payments by their Health Boards regardless whether they work in a GMS practice or not. Only those performers in practices with GMS contracts are eligible for the other Golden Hellos.

Action

5. NHS Boards are requested to bring this circular to the attention of all GP contractors.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Richard Foggo". The signature is written in a cursive style with a prominent flourish at the end.

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