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Dear colleagues,

QI Projects and payments

Following on from the contract agreement announcement on 28 October 2022, we wanted to confirm that all QI projects have now been finalised and agreed and further information on all three projects can be found [here](#). The project specification for the Unhealthy Behaviours project is attached along with nationally agreed reporting templates.

The allocation of points across the three projects is as follows:

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| Activity Data project | 35 points |
| Green Inhaler project | 35 points |
| Unhealthy Behaviours project | 100 points |
| Total | 170 points |

Completion of all three projects is mandatory for practices participating in the QI process.

As we outlined to the profession last autumn, through a Heads of Terms approach we are taking steps to strengthen how QI projects are developed, valued and incorporated into the QI domain. We are also realigning QI delivery to a financial year cycle from 1st April 2024. Therefore, the current QI cycle will run until 31st March 2024. Transition funding arrangements for this period, which mitigate any negative financial impact on practices, have been agreed and are outlined below.

Aspiration and achievement payment timeline

Aspiration payments for the extended QI cycle were paused for November, December and January to take account of the overpayment made in October 2022 on the basis of a 510 point QAIF.

Aspiration payments will resume in February 2023 and will be made by calculating 70% of the 170 achievement points available for QI divided by 12 multiplied by CPI at 1 October 2022.

NWSSP will reconcile payments due against actual payment made to ensure propriety against the provisions of the Statement of Financial Entitlement Directions.

Practices will continue to receive a monthly aspiration payment for the QI year from 1 October 2023 to 31 March 2024 at the same monthly amount paid for the QI year from 1 October 2022 to 30 September 2023.

To maintain current cashflow expectation, practices will be entitled to a balancing interim achievement payment based on 170 points, less aspiration payments made, at 31 December 2023. Entitlement is subject to the contractor at 30 September 2023 providing evidence of engagement in the QI projects and confirming its intention to complete the 3 QI projects by 31 March 2024.

As the QI cycle for this transition period runs for 18 months, payments will be based on 170 points over 12 months and then 85 points over the remaining 6 months. A final balancing achievement payment based on 85 points, less aspiration payments made, will be paid at the end of June 2024 based on actual achievement at 31 March 2024.

Contractors who did not complete QI projects as part of the 2021/22 cycle of QAIF will not be entitled to QI aspiration payments but will be entitled to full achievement payment after submitting evidence of completion of all the three QI projects at 31 March 2024, with payment to be made at 30 June 2024 following health board verification.

If practices cannot evidence the completion of the 3 QI projects, then no achievement payment is to be made and the Local Health Board is entitled to recover any interim achievement payment made at 31 December 2023 and any aspiration payments made.

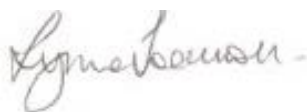
The diagram at Annex A depicts the payment timeline.

Should you have any further queries, please contact your Health Board Primary Care Team.

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