

To all practices Surrey and Sussex LMCs

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Dear Colleagues

## **BMA/RCGP workload prioritisation guide**

The LMC is circulating the accompanying workload prioritisation guide; this is an updated version of the equivalent 'RAG' guide developed early in the pandemic. It is initially to assist with prioritisation of patient workload during the delivery (or staff deployment in support) of the Covid 19 booster vaccination campaign, although clearly the demands on General Practice and practice teams will inevitably continue into the New Year.

Any decisions in relation to clinical prioritisation are for individual practices to make, based on their own assessment and capacity which may change over time, and so this guide is not to be read as a set of instructions, nor does it rank services in order of priority.

As colleagues will know, nationally there have been contractual income protection variations in relation to QOF, and the IIF (Investment and Impact Fund) (details in December LMC letters) and also local arrangements to protect practice Q3 and Q4 CCG Locally Commissioned Service income.

The following provides a summary of the QOF protection process, in 2020/21, the same process, but with updated figures will apply in 2021/22

### ***How income protected indicators will operate***

*The total number of points for each domain indicator as of 2020/21 (not including those above that require achievement) is multiplied by the percentage of points achieved in 2018/19 at a domain level (again, not including the achievement indicators), then rounded to the nearest whole number.*

*This will calculate the achievement for 2020/21, to which the QOF point value, prevalence and list size adjustment for 2020/21 will then apply.*

*For example, for the asthma domain there are 34 income protected points available for 2020/21. If a practice achieved 70% across the domain in 2018/19, then they would get 23.8 points for 2020/21, rounded to 24. This is then multiplied by £194.83 and adjusted for list size and prevalence.*

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Colleagues should note the size of QOF increased from 567 to 635 points in 2021/22; the 2021/22 value of a QOF point is £201.16 and the national average population figure is 9085. There were no changes in the payment thresholds for indicators carried forward from 2020/21.

GP Practices may also be able to access some support in relation to appointments via the Winter Access Fund; CCGs will have contacted all local practices with details of a claim process and an indication of what type of services practices may be able to offer with such support.

The LMC is writing to all practices separately regarding the e-consultation Regulations.

With best wishes

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Julius', written in a cursive style.

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**Chief Executive**

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