

LTC LES Payments for 2025/26

Following the ICB letter shared on 4th April from Kevin Lavery outlining decisions regarding the Long-Term Conditions LES and wider LES arrangements, the ICB has confirmed the new payment structure for the LTC LES for 2025/26, summarised below.

Practices will receive 80% of their annual contract value in advance, paid in monthly instalments. This will begin with a two-month upfront payment in mid-April, covering both April and May 2025. Payments will be paid on separate invoice refs, not a combined payment value – i.e. one will ref P1 & one will ref P2. Thereafter, payments will continue monthly in advance – for example, June’s payment will be made in May, July’s in June, and so on. The final monthly payment will be made in February 2026, covering March 2026. As a result, there will be no payment made in March 2026.

The remaining 20% will be paid as a reconciliation payment in June 2026, subject to practice performance.

The Primary Care Team has reviewed and updated practice-level payments and activity targets, which you should have received from your local primary care teams. Please ensure that any previous payment schedules and activity targets are replaced with these revised versions, which reflect the updated ICB guidance issued on 4th April. Please note: There are no changes to the LTC LES service specification, only to the payment model and activity profiles.

April is recognised as a planning month to support implementation for practices. However, any LTC activity already undertaken in April will be captured and counted towards the 2025/26 delivery.

GPQC – End of Year Submissions and Performance

Thank you to all practices that have submitted their SMR, Frailty, and Respiratory forms. We are currently reviewing the submissions and finalising Month 12 data for end of year reconciliation.

If you are yet to complete your end of year submissions, as shared with practices on 12th March (available on the [intranet](#)), please ensure the following are submitted if not done so already:

- Frailty Bundles 2, 3 and 4 – via [Word document](#) (not MS Forms), submitted to your local Primary Care Team by **2nd May 2025**
- Respiratory Bundle 2 – submitted via [MS Forms link](#) by **14th April 2025**
- SMR End of Year Template – submitted via [MS Forms link](#) by **31st March 2025**

The Month 12 (March) BI Performance Report is now available on the [intranet](#) and can be used by practices to review their SMR and Frailty performance.

The ICB will use this BI Performance Report data to assess achievement against SMR and Frailty targets, while Respiratory target achievement will be based solely on data submitted directly by practices via the MS forms link shared.

Mitigation Process

Practices wishing to submit mitigation following review of their performance data may do so via the Microsoft Forms link on the [intranet](#).

We strongly encourage practices to review the mitigation guidance before submitting.

- Deadline for mitigation submissions: **2nd May 2025**
- Mitigation panel review: **6th May 2025**
- Notification of panel outcomes: by **30th May 2025**

Please note: The panel's decision will be final, and there will be no appeals process.

Final Payment – GPQC 2024/25

In May 2025, practices will receive a letter confirming their target achievement and the final payment due (if applicable) in June 2025.

If targets have not been met, the ICB will be required to recoup funds accordingly.

As a reminder:

- Practices received 1/12th of the 80% payment value in advance across the year.
- The remaining 20% was held for reconciliation and will be paid in June 2025, subject to achievement.

If the 20% held does not completely cover the required recovery amount, additional funds may be reclaimed. To support practices in such instances, there will be an option to distribute repayments over a 12-month period, deducted from other monthly enhanced services payments. Further details will be provided in your final payment letter once reconciliation is confirmed.

We look forward to celebrating your hard work and the achievements across practices, and we will share the outcomes of this work during May 2025.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact your local Primary Care Team.