

GMS IT – QMAS Implementation Bulletin

This bulletin brings you an update of current QMAS activity and outlines the changes to QMAS that will be effective from 6 July 2009.

To allow for the system to be updated, there will be no access to the system after 8pm on Friday 3 July until Monday 6 July.

QOF 2009/910 Reporting

Since 1st April 2009, QMAS has not been displaying QOF achievement reports for financial year 2009/10. Before your practice can see the achievement reports, two things need to happen:

1. QMAS upgrade

Following a short pilot period, the upgrade is planned to be completed by 7 July 2009.

2. Your clinical system needs to be updated by your clinical system supplier

Once your GP clinical supplier has been through the GMS Certification process, your clinical system will be upgraded. This is expected to be within the next two months. Your clinical system supplier will advise you when you will be upgraded. In the meantime, you can check on the progress of your GP clinical system supplier through the GMS Certification Process by visiting:

www.connectingforhealth.nhs.uk/systemsandservices/gpsupport/qmas/suppliercertification

When your clinical system has been upgraded it will automatically submit an interim report to QMAS. This effectively tells QMAS that your clinical system is ready to begin submitting achievement reports for 2009/10. Once this has happened, your clinical system will automatically start to submit monthly reports, one for each month right up until the point your clinical system was upgraded. For example, if your clinical system is upgraded on July 7th 2009, it will submit a monthly report for April, May and June. This “catch up” will bring QMAS up to date as far as your practice’s achievement reporting is concerned.

For Revisions to the GMS Contract 2009-10:

www.nhsemployers.org/PayAndContracts/GeneralMedicalServicesContract/KeyDocuments/Pages/GMS-LegalDocuments.aspx



For the latest QOF Business Rules:

www.pcc.nhs.uk/145.php

Training Service

The training system will not be updated at the same time as the live service so for a short while the two systems will be out of sync. We will inform users when the training system will be updated

If you have any questions, please email:

gmsppdoc@nhs.net

If you have issues when using the system please contact the **BT Helpdesk**

FAQs

There are a number of FAQs (on a variety of QMAS related topics) which are available on the QMAS training website:

<http://www.qmastraining.nhs.uk/qmastrain/faq.htm>

