

GMS IT – QMAS End of Year Update

Guidance for PCTs and SHAs

This guidance is to advise PCTs and SHAs of aspects of the end of year achievement payments that require attention. **You are asked to ensure that this guidance is shared with all Finance Directors, QOF/GMS leads and all practices within the PCT.**

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1. PCT Adjustments for iSOFT practices

Some practices with iSOFT clinical systems will be passing additional reports to their PCTs as evidence to support adjustments to their final achievement.

Overview

The testing of the iSOFT/MSD solution for QMAS extracts regarding episode types identified an issue. This affects the following clinical domains:

- Cancer 1 (Disease Register)
- Cancer 2
- CHD 11
- Stroke 2

It would be unwise to make late and potentially destabilising changes to the entire iSOFT/MSD practice estate to resolve this issue. At the request of the NPfIT, iSOFT have provided an additional report to practices.

This reporting should ensure that practices that have recorded accurate episode type data are not disadvantaged. Practices have been requested to forward reports to their PCT to allow manual adjustments to final achievement reports on QMAS for the small number of affected indicators.

The report will be a simple text file named EpisodeResults<Practice Id>.txt.

For example, for practice A12345, the file will be named EpisodeResultsA12345.txt and the content will be similar to the following example:

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GMS Episodes report for practice A12345
Report Baseline Date - 01/04/2005
Report Reference Date - 01/04/2005
Run on 23/03/2005 13:35
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Cancer Register          - 20
Cancer 2 Denominator     - 20
Cancer 2 Numerator       - 13
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CHD Register            - 869
CHD 11 Denominator      - 32
CHD 11 Numerator        - 2
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Stroke Register         - 350
Stroke 2 Denominator    - 32
Stroke 2 Numerator      - 23
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The disease registers, numerators and denominators may be used by the PCT to make adjustments in QMAS to the final achievement reports for the affected practices.

2. Adjusted total payment shown on PCT and SHA level and NHS Bank reports

PCTs and SHAs are advised that the adjusted total payment shown on PCT and SHA level reports is at variance to the sum of practice values.

Please note this does not affect achievement payments to individual practices and no action need to be taken.

This will be revised after the end of year payment process.
