

Issues have been identified with three registers that were used in the QOF 2020/21 Achievement calculation.

To resolve the issues identified and ensure that GP practices are paid correctly, NHS Digital have re-collected QOF data, working with the GP Clinical System suppliers.

The new extraction is currently being reviewed to validate the data before it is loaded into CQRS for the QOF calculation to be undertaken.

We expect to share the timescales for the calculations expected this month within CQRS on Wednesday 12 May.

Actions

Once the review to validate the data has been completed, the CQRS team will communicate the date that declarations are expected to commence.

As previously communicated, the following actions are required by practices and commissioners:

- No further declarations or approvals for QOF should be made within CQRS **until further notice**, any approvals already processed will be reverted during the recalculation
- Following the recalculation of QOF achievement practices and commissioners will be required to re-declare and re-approve their QOF achievement.

Other Services Impacted

Please note that the following other services will also be impacted:

- The following Primary Care Network payments (May calculations) will be undertaken following the completion of the QOF calculation:
 - Network participation payment
 - Clinical director payment
 - Core PCN funding
 - Extended hours payment
- Payment Service Extractions – Extractions planned for the 9th May have commenced as originally planned. The calculations for these services will complete as normal.
- All approved payments for other CQRS services as at 5pm on Thursday 6th May 2021 have now been released for onward payment. Finance Commissioner approvals made after 5pm on Thursday 6th May are currently being held and have not been submitted to interface with NHAIS. This is in line with the usual protocols for QOF.

FAQ

Has this communication been shared with practices?

This communication has not been shared with Practices, please instruct your practices.

My team have already approved the QOF Achievement payment to practices with the CQRS status now stating SENT TO SSD. What will happen in this situation?

For practices where the declaration has been sent to NHAIS with the status above, we will be contacting commissioners to advise of next steps.

If practices have merged or completed a clinical system merge during April, will there be any impact?

The small number of practices that have completed a GP clinical system merge will require manual intervention by the commissioner for CQRS to generate their payment calculation, we will be contacting the impacted commissioners to advise of next steps.

What will happen with 21/22 QOF Aspiration payment values?

Aspiration payments will be adjusted in line with the updated calculations and the difference issued to the payment agencies to process.