

# ADDITIONAL CAPACITY

## Guidance Note – 2021/22

To support additional capacity within GMS with particular emphasis on winter pressures this year, agreement has been reached to:

- Make £2m new funding available during 2021-22 financial year, to support additional winter capacity. This is to fund additional staff resources (GPs, practice nurses, administration staff etc) above what is already in place within GMS.
- The funds, available for 2021-22, will be allocated to Health Boards and will enable the reimbursement of 100% of the total cost (salary / sessional fee & on-costs) of either additional posts upon appointment or additional hours worked by existing post holders. If those posts/hours continue after April 2022 they may be eligible for 50% match funding under the new 2022-23 scheme.

### Practice Allocation

Health Board allocations are shown in the table below. Practices will be eligible for pro rata funding per patient based on their list size as at 1<sup>st</sup> October 2021.

<b>Health Board</b>	<b>Share of £2m</b>
Aneurin Bevan UHB	£0.376m
Betsi Cadwaladr UHB	£0.452m
Cardiff & Vale UHB	£0.266m
Cwm Taf Morgannwg UHB	£0.308m
Hywel Dda UHB	£0.256m
Powys THB	£0.088m
Swansea Bay	£0.254m
<b>Total</b>	<b>£2.000m</b>

**Practices are required to complete the template at Annex A, and submit to their Health Board contact by Friday 14 January 2022.**

Practices may be able to apply for further funding should the full Health Board allocation not be utilised. This will be assessed at the end of January 2022.

### Further Guidance for 2022/23

From 1 April 2022, capacity funding of £4m will be made available recurrently for three years, accessible to practices via Health Boards. This includes the continuation of the £2m investment made during 2021-22 for additional winter capacity, coupled with a £2m transfer from the Access QAIF domain.

- This scheme from April 2022, will facilitate match funding of up to 50% of the cost of either additional posts upon appointment (including those in post from

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December 2021 under the 2021/22 scheme) or additional hours worked by existing post-holders, enabling GP practices to take on additional administrative and clinical resource.

- The tripartite GMS Contract Implementation group will consider and agree an equitable allocation and process, to ensure all practices are able to make use of the funding available, according to agreed national eligibility criteria.
- The impact of this three-year investment will be considered and will inform any future arrangements.

More detailed guidance on the 2022/23 scheme will be issued in March 2022.