GP Sector Report 2022

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Insights into the UK General Practitioner sector for 2022.

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This year has seen increased pressures on general practice which has in turn affected patients' experience. A decline in the number of GPs and GP practices - compounded with rising patient numbers, growing demands and tightening budgets - have been probable contributors to the slight drop in satisfaction levels shown in the 2022 GP Patient Survey.

Although patients still expressed a high level of satisfaction overall, the survey did portray signs of frayed patience. This dissatisfaction is reflected by GPs themselves. Morale remains low across the profession, with high levels of pessimism and an alarmingly high number of doctors indicating they wished to leave the profession.

The tail of the pandemic continues to put a strain on resources – through both new cases and the demands of Long-COVID. This in turn has accelerated the take-up of digital tools as healthcare professionals strive to maintain service levels in this new era.

While many practices are still struggling to get up to speed with current IT demands, technology still continues to change the shape of the horizon, with AI, 3D printing, synthetic data and quantum computing making possible what was unthinkable even as recently as the beginning of the pandemic.

But the NHS enters this brave new world armed with a bright new plan, new contracts and promises of increased funds. After some years of decline, financial investment in general practice has been increasing in real terms since 2013/14, as The NHS Long Term Plan brings an injection of funds in exchange for GPs providing additional services. More efforts are being made to recruit and train doctors, and to make it easier for newly qualified international recruits to stay in the UK.

Sector Update

The number of GP practices in England has plummeted by 20% over the last nine years – from 8,106 in April 2013 to 6,495 in June 2022 according to NHS Digital.

Conversely, those same GP practices have seen a 10% rise in patients registered; from just over 56m to 61.7m - pushing the average patient list to over 9,500 for the first time. This represents an increase in list size of 37% in less than a decade. This, unsurprisingly, means that GP services are overwhelmingly stretched, with each 100,000 patients served by just 45 GPs and 10 GP partners, handling between 22 and 24 million appointments every month.

General practice change under NHS England

6,495 (-20%)

Total GP practices in England (change since April 2013)

9,502 (+37%)

Average GP patient list in England (change since April 2013)

45 (-12%)

GPs per 100,000 patients (change since Sept 2015)

10 (-27%)

GP partners per 100,000 patients (change since Sept 2015)

STATISTICS - FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021		All Practices	Dispensing
1. Average Registered Patient List	- raw	9,033	9,565
	- weighted	8,586	9,620
2. Average Number of FTE GPs	- partners	2.68	3.00
	- salaried	1.51	2.22
		4.19	5.22
3. Average Patients per FTE GP (excluding salaried)		3,210	3,207
4. Average Patients per FTE GP (including salaried)		2,051	1,844
5. Gross GMS/PMS Income per patient			
Global sum/MPIG (after opt-outs)		89.87	91.78
PCO Administered payments		0.68	0.97
Enhanced services		13.72	23.36
Quality and outcomes		10.69	11.20
Premises		10.35	14.38
Dispensing and Drug Costs		11.44	50.72
		£136.75	£192.41
6. Gross other NHS Income Per Patient		£3.05	£1.58
7. Gross other Non-NHS Income Per Patient		£4.71	£3.38
8. Gross Practice Income Per Patient		£144.51	£197.37

STATISTICS - FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021	All Practices	Dispensing
9. Expenses Per Patient (after reimbursement)	£(84.53)	£(129.83)
10. Profit Per Patient	£59.98	£67.54
11. Profit Per Patient excluding Staff Costs - Medical	£81.96	£93.62
12. Quality and Outcome Points - Achievement	529.73	541.74
13. Gross GMS/PMS Income Per FTE GP:-		
Global sum/MPIG (after opt-outs)	193,960	169,253
PCO Administered payments	1,471	1,794
Enhanced services	29,609	43,073
Quality and outcomes	23,076	20,646
Premises	22,342	26,526
Dispensing and Drug Costs	24,700	93,529
	£295,158	£354,821
14. Gross Practice Income Per FTE Partner (excluding reimbursement)		
- from GMS/PMS	461,826	616,996
- from other NHS sources	10,302	13,796
- from non-NHS sources	13,207	29,586
	£485,335	£660,378
15. Expenses per FTE Partner (after reimbursement)		
- relating to NHS sources	285,444	416,297

STATISTICS - FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021	All Practices	Dispensing
- relating to non-NHS sources	-	-
	£285,444	£416,297
16. Profit per FTE Partner		
- relating to NHS income	186,684	214,495
- relating to non-NHS income	13,207	29,586
	£199,891	£244,081
17. Expenses per Patient (after reimbursement)		
- Staff Costs - Medical	21.98	26.08
- Staff Costs - Other	35.83	41.31
- Medical Expenses	11.20	44.07
- Premises	10.19	10.88
- Administration	4.26	5.82
- Financial	0.79	1.59
- Depreciation	0.26	0.07
	£84.51	£129.82
18. GMS/PMS Income Profile Percentage	%	%
Global Sum/MPIG	65.7	47.7
PCO Administered Payments	0.5	0.5

STATISTICS - FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021	All Practices	Dispensing
Enhanced Services	10.0	12.1
Quality and Outcome	7.8	5.8
Premises	7.6	7.5
Dispensing and Drug Costs	8.4	26.4
	100.0	100.0
19. Percentage expenses to Total Income	%	%
Staff Costs - Medical	15.3	12.7
Staff Costs - Other	24.9	20.1
Medical Expenses	7.8	21.4
Premises	7.1	5.3
Administration	3.0	2.8
Financial	0.6	0.8
Depreciation	0.2	-
	58.9	63.1

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