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GENERAL MEDICAL SERVICES (PAYMENTS) BOARD

The General Medical Services (Payments) Board is a body corporate with perpetual succession and a common seal constituted by Order of the Minister for Health under Section 11 of the Health Act 1970.

The Board on behalf of Health Boards performs the following functions in relation to the provision of services by General Practitioners, Pharmacists and Dentists under Sections 58, 59 and 67 (i) of the Health Act 1970:

- (a) the calculation of payments to be made for such services;
- (b) the making of such payments;
- (c) the verification of the accuracy and reasonableness of claims in relation to such services;
- (d) the compilation of statistics and other information in relation to such services.

Claims by Doctors and Pharmacists under the G.M.S. Scheme account for the largest part of the claims processing and payment functions of the Board. Claims by Pharmacists under the Drug Cost Subsidisation Scheme, Long Term Illness

Scheme and the Emergency Scheme for visitors from countries of the E.E.A. and claims by Dentists under the Dental Treatment Services Scheme are also processed by the Board.

GENERAL MEDICAL SERVICES SCHEME

Persons who are unable without undue hardship to arrange general practitioner medical and surgical services for themselves and their dependants receive a free general medical service.

A person eligible to receive free general practitioner services for him/herself and dependants registers with the doctor of his/her choice, from among the list of named doctors who have entered into agreements with Health Boards, and who is prepared to accept the patient on to his/her panel. Except in certain circumstances, the doctor chosen must not live more than seven miles from the person nor have already a panel of the maximum number allowed. Where an eligible person does not succeed in obtaining registration the health board arranges to have him/her entered on a doctor's panel.

Drugs, medicines and appliances supplied under the Scheme are provided through

retail pharmacies. In most cases the doctor gives the completed prescription form to the person, who takes it to any pharmacy that has an agreement with a health board to dispense G.M.S. prescription forms. In rural areas, where a doctor has a centre of practice three miles or more from the nearest retail pharmacy participating in the Scheme the doctor dispenses for those persons served from that centre who opt to have their medicines dispensed by him/her. The doctor is paid a dispensing fee for each of these persons. The medicines he/she dispenses are obtained through a stock order given to a retail pharmacy participating in the Scheme, located in the doctor's normal area of practice.

DRUG COST SUBSIDISATION SCHEME

A Scheme, known as the Drug Cost Subsidisation Scheme (D.C.S.S.) was introduced in 1990 for the benefit of persons who do not have a medical card and who are certified as having a regular and on-going requirement for prescribed medicines costing in excess of a specified amount per month, currently £32, for a medical condition not covered by the long term illness scheme. Under the terms of

the scheme such persons, on authorisation by a health board, do not have to pay more than the specified amount to their pharmacist in a month. The balance due to the pharmacist is paid by the General Medical Services (Payments) Board.

LONG TERM ILLNESS SCHEME

On approval by health boards persons who suffer from one or more of a schedule of illnesses are entitled to obtain, without charge, irrespective of income, necessary drugs/medicines and/or appliances under the L.T.I. Scheme. The Board makes payments on behalf of health boards for L.T.I. claims submitted by pharmacies.

SCHEME FOR PROVISION OF GENERAL PRACTITIONER SERVICES IN EMERGENCY CIRCUMSTANCES TO VISITORS FROM OTHER STATES OF THE EUROPEAN ECONOMIC AREA

Visitors from one of the other states of the European Economic Area, with established eligibility, who require emergency general practitioner services while on a temporary visit to the State are entitled to receive from a General Practitioner a G.M.S. prescription form

for necessary medication and to have such medication dispensed in a Pharmacy that has entered into an agreement with a Health Board within the State - pharmacies submit such forms, completed as necessary, to the Board for payment.

DENTAL TREATMENT SERVICES SCHEME

Under the Dental Treatment Services Scheme (D.T.S.S.) introduced in November 1994 G.M.S. eligible adults have access to a range of treatments and clinical procedures which comprise three separate elements of the Scheme: (i) Emergency Treatment for the relief of pain (ii) Routine Treatment and (iii) Full Upper and Lower Dentures.

Implementation of the Scheme is on a phased age cohort basis with initial eligibility confined to Emergency Treatment for all qualified persons and Routine Treatments and a full denture Scheme for those eligible persons aged 65 and over.

Agreement was reached in June 1995 between the Department of Health and the Irish Dental Association on a range of drugs/medicines which may be prescribed for eligible persons by dentists participating in the D.T.S.S.

Table 1 G.M.S. : Summary of Statistical Information for each of the five years 1991-1995

Year ended December:-	1995	1994	1993	1992	1991	Year ended December:-	1995	1994	1993	1992	1991
Number of Eligible Persons in December	1,277,055	1,286,813	1,274,621	1,263,001	1,237,772	Number of Doctor Contracts	1,652	1,666	1,645	1,636	1,616
						Number of Pharmacist Contracts	1,151	1,135	1,107	1,099	1,084
DOCTORS	(000's)	(000's)	(000's)	(000's)	(000's)		(000's)	(000's)	(000's)	(000's)	(000's)
Total Payments	£91,903	£89,446	£86,234	£73,698	£59,618	Total Cost of Stock Orders	£6,373	£6,446	£6,328	£7,176	£6,621
Doctors Payment per Person	£69.24	£67.48	£65.99	£55.35	£46.38	Ingredient Cost	£4,902	£4,961	£4,867	£5,528	£5,096
						Pharmacy Fees	£1,226	£1,240	£1,217	£1,382	£1,274
						VAT	£245	£245	£244	£266	£251
PHARMACIES											
Total Cost of Prescriptions	£153,239	£141,012	£133,274	£128,894	£113,730	Overall Cost of Medicines	£159,612	£147,458	£139,602	£136,070	£120,350
Ingredient Cost	£117,623	£108,072	£102,038	£100,078	£87,930	Pharmacy Payment per Person	£124.32	£115.01	£110.47	£108.32	£97.78
Dispensing Fee	£31,926	£29,494	£28,119	£25,725	£23,104						
VAT	£3,690	£3,446	£3,117	£3,091	£2,696						
Number of Forms	9,191	8,740	8,465	8,016	7,546						
Number of Items	18,879	17,906	17,252	16,534	15,478	Overall Payments	£251,515	£236,904	£225,836	£209,768	£179,968
Cost per Form	£16.67	£16.13	£15.74	£16.08	£15.07	Overall Payment per Person	£193.56	£182.49	£176.46	£163.67	£144.16
Cost per Item	£8.12	£7.88	£7.72	£7.80	£7.35						
Ingredient Cost per Item	£6.23	£6.04	£5.91	£6.05	£5.68						
Items per Form	2.05	2.05	2.04	2.06	2.05						

Note: Doctors payment per person is exclusive of superannuation paid to retired D.M.O.'s

Table 2 Number of Agreements

Health Board	Doctors		Pharmacists		Dentists	
	1995	1994	1995	1994	1995	1994
Eastern	528	528	382	374	294	266
Midland	97	101	66	65	49	43
Mid-Western	144	144	108	106	60	44
North Eastern	124	126	97	37	94	91
North Western	109	110	64	65	32	20
South Eastern	185	187	130	128	109	87
Southern	271	275	182	180	211	187
Western	194	195	122	120	54	30
NATIONAL	1652	1666	1151	1135	903	768

(i) Where doctors have panels numbers drawn from more than one Health Board the board wherein the majority of such persons reside is deemed to be the doctors Health Board.

(ii) 244 Dentists(162-1994) who are employees of Health Boards and who provide services under the Dental Treatment Services Scheme are included above.

(iii) Above figures relate to the position as at 31st December 1995.

Table 3 G.M.S. : Payments to Doctors

		1995	1994
		£	£
FEES	- Item of Service Contract	1,771,280	1,747,895
	- Capitation	53,107,290	52,482,980
	- Special Claims/Services	3,440,430	3,034,813
	- Out-of-Hours	2,056,466	1,723,784
	- Dispensing	609,917	655,761
ALLOWANCES	- Annual Leave	2,455,939	2,554,735
	- Locum and Practice Expenses	30,448	32,114
	- Sick Leave	370,099	370,793
	- Maternity Leave	38,276	10,340
	- Rural Practice	1,289,369	1,247,902
	- Secretarial/Nursing	7,115,935	6,660,142
	- Study Leave	353,579	254,763
	- Medical Indemnity Insurance	960,514	1,077,378
	- Rostering/Out of Hours	4,599,732	4,445,888
	- Practice Development	3,066,476	3,006,544
- Practice Support Grant	1,756,713	1,205,033	
SALARIES	- Former District Medical Officers	505,706	608,333
	- Benefits to retired DMO'S and their dependants	3,010,562	2,926,397
SUPERANNUATION FUND	- Contribution	5,364,472	5,400,691
TOTAL		£91,903,203	£89,446,286

Table 4 G.M.S. : Cost of prescriptions

Health Board	Ingredient Cost		Dispensing Fee		V.A.T.		TOTAL	
	1995 £	1994 £	1995 £	1994 £	1995 £	1994 £	1995 £	1994 £
Eastern	36,378,612	33,418,519	9,744,992	9,008,422	1,109,194	1,022,075	47,232,798	43,449,016
Midland	7,519,606	7,025,359	2,103,245	1,961,184	225,383	214,876	9,848,234	9,201,419
Mid-Western	10,680,936	9,732,412	2,932,782	2,708,322	342,661	322,105	13,956,379	12,762,839
North Eastern	11,564,645	10,345,049	3,012,747	2,741,506	322,306	294,370	14,899,698	13,380,925
North Western	7,776,687	7,054,892	1,997,648	1,826,010	242,290	232,582	10,016,625	9,113,484
South Eastern	12,608,053	11,840,228	3,562,440	3,328,623	438,937	410,082	16,609,430	15,578,933
Southern	17,807,954	16,521,322	5,148,106	4,766,636	598,077	571,362	23,554,137	21,859,320
Western	13,286,564	12,134,483	3,424,369	3,153,343	411,251	378,789	17,122,184	15,666,615
NATIONAL	£117,623,057	£108,072,264	£31,926,329	£29,494,046	£3,690,099	£3,446,241	£153,239,485	£141,012,551

Note: Cost of medicines supplied by pharmacies to dispensing doctors is given in Table 5.

Table 5 G.M.S. : Cost of Stock Order Forms

Health Board	No. of Pharmacies involved in 1995	Ingredient Cost		* Pharmacy Fee		V.A.T.		TOTAL	
		1995 £	1994 £	1995 £	1994 £	1995 £	1994 £	1995 £	1994 £
Eastern	412	55,850	54,180	13,944	13,543	1,173	1,055	70,967	68,778
Midland	68	341,291	342,643	85,325	85,664	9,557	8,843	436,173	437,150
Mid-Western	113	295,119	337,765	73,778	84,445	7,166	8,055	376,063	430,265
North Eastern	106	462,779	412,031	115,691	103,003	14,006	9,142	592,476	524,176
North Western	71	1,022,521	1,066,032	255,616	266,498	23,413	22,652	1,301,550	1,355,182
South Eastern	136	776,416	777,680	194,106	194,434	18,854	18,164	989,376	990,278
Southern	190	85,409	89,450	21,333	22,372	2,305	2,410	109,047	114,232
Western	129	1,352,471	1,346,292	338,119	336,564	35,008	34,143	1,725,598	1,716,999
TOTAL	1,225	£4,391,856	£4,426,073	£1,097,912	£1,106,523	£111,482	£104,464	£5,601,250	£5,637,060
**Needles/Syringes /Dressings	-	£510,192	£534,567	£127,548	£133,643	£133,875	£140,322	£771,615	£808,532
NATIONAL	1,225	£4,902,048	£4,960,640	£1,225,460	£1,240,166	£245,357	£244,786	£6,372,865	£6,445,592

Note: (i) Stock Order Forms are provided by Health Boards for the use of dispensing doctors to obtain Medicines and Appliances from retail pharmacies for dispensing to persons who are entitled to be dispensed to.

(ii) * Pharmacies are reimbursed for stock order items on the basis of the basic trade price, with the addition of 25% on cost.

(iii) ** Needles, syringes and dressings are available for doctors use.

Table 6 D.T.S.: Payments to Dentists

Health Board	Emergency £	Above the Line £	Below the Line £	Dentures £	Laboratory £	Total £
Eastern	1,048,872	121,309	115,763	133,169	73,804	1,492,917
Midland	349,661	33,285	38,227	42,691	31,805	495,669
Mid-Western	337,215	65,476	70,174	111,996	64,927	649,788
North Eastern	320,337	24,696	29,578	41,527	27,844	443,982
North Western	200,644	29,845	25,808	61,554	29,660	347,511
South Eastern	539,647	81,252	91,066	142,427	70,872	925,264
Southern	572,997	109,643	102,437	140,406	74,793	1,000,276
Western	381,005	65,237	83,167	119,903	127,237	776,549
NATIONAL	£3,750,378	£530,743	£556,220	£793,673	£500,942	£6,131,956

Table 7 G.M.S. : Payment per eligible person

Health Board	1995			1994		
	Doctors £	Pharmacies £	Total £	Doctors £	Pharmacies £	Total £
Eastern	61.88	127.74	189.62	60.73	118.37	179.10
Midland	72.88	125.79	198.67	70.89	117.03	187.92
Mid-Western	70.67	132.66	203.33	68.36	120.11	188.47
North Eastern	65.89	120.83	186.72	64.05	109.05	173.10
North Western	73.43	109.71	183.14	72.73	102.60	175.33
South Eastern	73.13	118.40	191.53	71.09	111.26	182.35
Southern	73.11	127.78	200.89	70.30	120.48	190.78
Western	75.54	123.78	199.32	73.58	112.62	186.20
NATIONAL	£69.24	£124.32	£193.56	£67.48	£115.01	£182.49

Note: The payment per eligible person is inclusive of total payments to doctors (Table 3) excluding superannuation benefits to retired D.M.O.'s and their dependants and total payments to pharmacies (Tables 4 and 5) in respect of the average number of persons covered each month (1,283,916)

Table 8 G.M.S. : Number of Doctors in eligible person cost categories

1995 (1994 in brackets).

Number of Doctors with an annual cost per eligible person of:-												
Health Board	Up to £100	£100<£120	£120<£140	£140<£160	£160<£180	£180<£200	£200<£220	£220<£240	£240<£260	£260<£280	£280 and over	
Eastern	11 (13)	19 (25)	37 (54)	51 (65)	85 (102)	95 (85)	71 (67)	56 (33)	34 (18)	23 (13)	34 (26)	
Midland	-	1 (2)	5 (6)	5 (8)	16 (30)	26 (30)	23 (13)	10 (3)	6 (3)	2 (-)	1 (1)	
Mid-Western	-	1 (2)	- (4)	9 (22)	23 (29)	37 (37)	27 (20)	13 (13)	18 (2)	5 (1)	4 (3)	
North Eastern	-	- (1)	4 (8)	18 (37)	36 (31)	20 (20)	24 (12)	7 (4)	5 (-)	1 (1)	1 (1)	
North Western	-	1 (3)	8 (16)	22 (20)	19 (26)	20 (18)	15 (6)	9 (10)	5 (4)	3 (1)	1 (2)	
South Eastern	- (1)	5 (2)	5 (19)	23 (29)	40 (47)	46 (33)	28 (22)	11 (11)	7 (6)	6 (3)	5 (4)	
Southern	1 (-)	- (4)	9 (10)	25 (39)	40 (61)	64 (61)	45 (37)	37 (25)	18 (14)	12 (2)	11 (7)	
Western	- (1)	- (5)	7 (9)	8 (24)	38 (44)	51 (47)	37 (27)	26 (16)	10 (2)	3 (3)	9 (7)	
NATIONAL	12 (15)	27 (44)	75 (126)	161 (244)	297 (370)	359 (331)	270 (204)	169 (115)	103 (49)	55 (24)	66 (51)	

Note: (i) Doctors not in the G.M.S. Scheme for the full year have been excluded from this table.

(ii) The annual cost per eligible person is the total payment for the doctor and the total prescribing/dispensing costs in respect of the average number of persons on the panel.

Table 9 G.M.S. : Number of eligible persons

Health Board	Number of persons (including dependants) and % of population* eligible in				Health Board	Number of persons (including dependants) and % of population* eligible in			
	December 1995		December 1994			December 1995		December 1994	
	No.	%	No.	%		No.	%	No.	%
EASTERN					NORTH WESTERN				
Dublin	300,136	29.27	299,157	29.18	Donegal	69,768	54.46	70,727	55.21
Wicklow	35,723	36.73	35,576	36.58	Leitrim	12,361	48.86	12,692	50.16
Kildare	36,385	29.66	36,001	29.35	Sligo	20,712	37.83	21,328	38.95
TOTAL	372,244	29.89	370,734	29.77	TOTAL	102,841	49.40	104,747	50.32
MIDLAND					SOUTH EASTERN				
Longford	13,118	43.30	13,360	44.10	Carlow	17,058	41.66	17,167	41.93
Westmeath	22,583	36.49	22,499	36.36	Kilkenny	22,153	37.09	22,536	37.73
Offaly	23,994	41.02	24,694	42.22	Tipperary S.R.	28,466	35.52	29,214	36.45
Laois	21,691	41.46	21,833	41.73	Waterford	38,693	38.58	39,021	38.91
TOTAL	81,386	40.09	82,386	40.59	Wexford	41,164	40.33	41,784	40.94
MID-WESTERN					TOTAL	147,534	38.50	149,722	39.07
Clare	31,949	35.14	31,795	34.97	SOUTHERN				
Limerick	55,027	33.98	55,922	34.53	Cork	138,114	33.66	138,126	33.66
Tipperary N.R.	21,180	36.61	21,215	36.67	Kerry	47,620	39.07	47,442	38.92
TOTAL	108,156	34.81	108,932	35.06	TOTAL	185,734	34.90	185,568	34.86
NORTH EASTERN					WESTERN				
Cavan	22,621	42.85	23,446	44.41	Galway	73,474	40.74	74,643	41.38
Louth	39,465	43.50	39,940	44.02	Mayo	56,138	50.71	57,262	41.72
Meath	41,101	39.01	42,172	40.02	Roscommon	23,456	45.20	23,908	46.07
Monaghan	22,905	44.66	23,353	45.53	TOTAL	153,068	44.63	155,813	45.43
TOTAL	126,092	42.01	128,911	42.94	TOTAL	1,277,055	35.65%	1,286,813	36.04%
					NATIONAL				

Note: (i) *The population figures for each county are taken from the Census of Population, 1991. The Official C.S.O. estimate of population at 31st December 1995 is 3,582,000; (1994 - 3,571,000)

(ii) Average number of eligible persons in 1995 was 1,283,916 on 759,714 Medical Cards. (Average number of persons on a Medical Card was 1.69).

Table 9.1 G.M.S. : Number of eligible persons by gender within age groups

Health Board	Age Classification																	
	As at December 1995.																	
	Under 5 Years			5-15 Years			16-44 Years			45-64 Years			65 Years and over			Total		
	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total
Eastern	14,588	13,823	28,411	38,465	36,516	74,981	54,202	72,005	126,207	28,842	35,147	63,989	26,763	51,893	78,656	162,860	209,384	372,244
Midland	2,734	2,685	5,419	8,356	7,852	16,208	12,440	14,357	26,797	6,683	7,629	14,312	7,595	11,055	18,650	37,808	43,578	81,386
Mid-Western	3,340	3,281	6,621	10,097	9,680	19,777	15,444	17,528	32,972	9,339	10,267	19,606	11,559	17,621	29,180	49,779	58,377	108,156
North Eastern	4,063	3,773	7,836	12,723	12,277	25,000	20,093	22,781	42,874	10,349	11,796	22,145	11,399	16,838	28,237	58,627	67,465	126,092
North Western	3,146	2,875	6,021	10,438	10,035	20,473	15,546	16,465	32,011	9,841	9,682	19,523	10,745	14,068	24,813	49,716	53,125	102,841
South Eastern	4,863	4,590	9,453	14,811	14,228	29,039	22,678	26,467	49,145	12,933	14,176	27,109	13,121	19,667	32,788	68,406	79,128	147,534
Southern	5,585	5,387	10,972	16,686	16,066	32,752	27,684	31,945	59,629	15,986	18,057	34,043	18,761	29,577	48,338	84,702	101,032	185,734
Western	4,373	4,406	8,779	14,847	14,188	29,035	22,168	24,348	46,516	14,284	14,322	28,606	16,997	23,135	40,132	72,669	80,399	153,068

NATIONAL	42,692	40,820	83,512	126,423	120,842	247,265	190,255	225,896	416,151	108,257	121,076	229,333	116,940	183,854	300,794	584,567	692,488	1,277,055
% OF ELIGIBLE PERSONS	3.3%	3.2%	6.5%	9.9%	9.5%	19.4%	14.9%	17.7%	32.6%	8.5%	9.5%	18.0%	9.2%	14.4%	23.6%	45.8%	54.2%	100.00%

Table 10 G.M.S. : Size of panels of Doctors

As at 31st December 1995 (1994 in brackets).

Health Board	Number of Doctors with panels of:-					
	Up to 250	251 - 500	501 - 1,000	1,001 - 1,500	1,501 - 2,000	2,001 - 2,500
Eastern	116 (122)	108 (102)	169 (169)	82 (76)	43 (52)	10 (7)
Midland	8 (11)	17 (16)	35 (41)	30 (22)	7 (11)	-
Mid-Western	17 (18)	22 (22)	71 (70)	27 (26)	7 (8)	-
North Eastern	11 (12)	8 (9)	37 (38)	49 (48)	19 (19)	-
North Western	9 (15)	12 (8)	36 (37)	36 (32)	15 (17)	1 (1)
South Eastern	17 (20)	28 (24)	93 (92)	31 (35)	15 (15)	1 (1)
Southern	46 (54)	57 (54)	108 (102)	51 (56)	9 (9)	-
Western	25 (31)	33 (25)	77 (74)	51 (54)	7 (9)	1 (2)
NATIONAL	249 (283)	285 (260)	626 (623)	357 (349)	122 (140)	13 (11)

Table 11 G.M.S. : Payments to Doctors in each Health Board area

Health Board	1995	1994
	£	£
Eastern	23,416,936	23,120,144
Midland	6,212,657	6,034,516
Mid-Western	7,995,579	7,848,646
North Eastern	8,730,804	8,565,245
North Western	7,940,437	7,732,281
South Eastern	11,322,475	11,015,568
Southern	14,189,854	13,315,866
Western	12,094,461	11,814,020
NATIONAL	£91,903,203	£89,446,286

Table 12 G.M.S. : Number of Special Type Consultations and Out-of-Hours claims

Health Board	No. of Temporary Resident Claims		No. of E.E.A. Visitor Claims		No. of Emergency Claims		No. of Out-of -Hours Claims		Total No. of Claims	
	1995	1994	1995	1994	1995	1994	1995	1994	1995	1994
Eastern	22,043	23,644	9,828	8,225	5,139	4,894	24,742	19,614	61,752	56,377
Midland	6,422	6,404	2,241	2,052	2,973	2,443	6,852	6,366	18,488	17,265
Mid-Western	7,834	8,248	3,771	3,190	1,661	1,081	6,223	5,496	19,489	18,015
North Eastern	4,648	4,494	3,545	3,059	993	708	4,823	4,135	14,009	12,396
North Western	4,180	3,867	8,970	7,541	996	611	7,941	7,498	22,087	19,517
South Eastern	7,320	7,829	5,224	4,554	2,259	1,602	11,770	11,103	26,573	25,088
Southern	9,540	8,104	10,939	9,534	2,411	1,603	16,253	13,227	39,143	32,468
Western	11,375	9,323	7,904	6,412	2,349	1,817	11,297	9,930	32,925	27,482
NATIONAL	73,362	71,913	52,422	44,567	18,781	14,759	89,901	77,369	234,466	208,608

Table 12.1 G.M.S. : Payment to Doctors for Special Type Consultations and Out-of-Hours claims

Health Board	Cost of Temporary Resident Claims		Cost of E.E.A. Visitor Claims		Cost of Emergency Claims		Cost of Out-of -Hours Claims		Total Cost of Claims	
	1995 £	1994 £	1995 £	1994 £	1995 £	1994 £	1995 £	1994 £	1995 £	1994 £
Eastern	145,444	143,418	126,488	102,283	74,222	65,813	534,136	412,162	880,290	723,676
Midland	42,699	42,380	28,508	25,816	40,685	33,224	159,869	143,936	271,761	245,356
Mid-Western	55,440	57,173	48,175	39,880	24,700	15,911	144,297	122,282	272,612	235,246
North Eastern	35,735	33,870	45,947	38,837	16,125	11,649	111,306	93,040	209,113	177,396
North Western	27,104	25,410	118,167	97,237	15,341	9,062	189,444	177,419	350,056	309,128
South Eastern	48,848	51,240	67,812	57,240	34,033	23,128	269,557	245,522	420,250	377,130
Southern	66,365	54,501	141,875	120,291	35,095	23,110	376,568	298,905	619,903	496,807
Western	79,489	61,150	101,444	81,145	34,755	24,844	271,289	230,518	486,977	397,657
NATIONAL	£501,124	£469,142	£678,416	£562,729	£274,956	£206,741	£2,056,466	£1,723,784	£3,510,962	£2,962,396

Table 13 G.M.S. : Analysis of Special Items of Service

Type of Service	Number of Claims		Cost of Claims	
	1995	1994	1995	1994
			£	£
(i) Excisions: Warts, Verruca etc.	39,773	36,917	547,059	497,428
(ii) Suturing: Cuts and Lacerations	20,396	19,531	281,409	263,037
(iii) Hydroceles: Draining of	804	759	11,196	10,288
(iv) Haemorrhages: Dental/Nasal	1,325	1,261	18,402	16,988
(v) Veins: Recognised treatment	248	361	3,397	4,849
(vi) E.C.G.: Tests and interpretation	18,993	17,732	261,207	238,641
(vii) Diaphragm: Instruction in the fitting of	644	677	8,879	9,129
(viii) Eye: Removal of Adherent foreign body	4,556	4,270	63,139	57,722
(ix) Ear/Nose/Throat: Removal of foreign body	4,723	4,195	65,323	56,687
(x) Nebuliser: Treatment in the case of acute asthmatic attack	31,842	28,572	655,439	576,437
(xi) Bladder: Catheterization	2,890	2,859	59,585	57,405
(xii) Case Conference: Convened by Health Board D.C.C	359	228	10,899	7,590
TOTAL	126,553	117,362	£1,985,934	£1,796,201

Table 14 G.M.S. : Visiting rate categories for Doctors on Fee-Per-Item of service

NATIONAL									
1995 (1994 in brackets).									
Doctors with panels of:-	Visiting Rate:-*								
	Under 5	5 - 5.9	6 - 6.9	7 - 7.9	8 - 8.9	9 - 9.9	10 - 10.9	11 - 11.9	12 and Over
100-249	-	-	- (1)	1 (-)	-	1 (1)	1 (1)	- (2)	1 (-)
250-499	-	-	-	2 (3)	1 (2)	6 (3)	1 (2)	-	-
500-999	-	- (2)	1 (1)	2 (5)	6 (5)	4 (5)	3 (1)	2 (1)	-
1000-1499	-	-	-	1 (2)	1 (1)	- (2)	2 (-)	-	-
1500-1999	-	-	1 (1)	2 (2)	-	1 (-)	-	-	-
2000-2499	-	-	- (1)	-	-	-	-	-	-
2500 and over	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL	-	- (2)	2 (4)	8 (12)	8 (8)	12 (11)	7 (4)	2 (3)	1 (-)

Note: (i) The overall visiting rate in 1995 of the doctors who continued on a fee-per-item of service contract was 8.90 (Surgery: 7.90 Domiciliary: 1.00): (1994 - Total : 8.32 Surgery : 7.35 Domiciliary 0.97).

(ii) Only doctors with panels of 100 persons or over are included in the above table.

(iii) * Visiting Rate is the total number of consultations divided by the total number of persons on panel.

Table 15 G.M.S. : Cost of Medicines by gender within age groups

Health Board	Age Classification																	
	Under 5 Years			5-15 Years			16-44 Years			45-64 Years			65 Years and over			Total		
	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Eastern	35.18	31.42	33.35	28.67	27.91	28.30	81.37	91.64	87.21	198.01	191.31	194.32	290.15	257.90	268.85	119.43	134.21	127.74
Midland	35.29	33.61	34.47	32.18	31.17	31.69	75.17	84.76	80.30	186.90	174.87	180.46	263.35	246.16	253.19	121.30	129.68	125.79
Mid-Western	43.38	40.85	42.12	34.05	33.22	33.65	80.03	89.18	84.90	189.34	179.79	184.33	250.62	228.31	237.14	128.97	135.80	132.66
North Eastern	34.82	31.16	33.05	29.49	28.75	29.13	62.31	73.72	68.36	188.15	178.26	182.87	273.58	248.82	258.82	116.08	124.97	120.83
North Western	29.02	26.98	28.04	21.85	23.90	22.86	56.19	67.62	62.06	144.80	144.00	144.40	235.75	220.96	227.38	105.66	113.49	109.71
South Eastern	38.85	35.47	37.21	32.83	31.22	32.04	69.83	79.24	74.90	168.64	169.88	169.29	251.66	228.49	237.78	114.04	122.16	118.40
Southern	42.62	38.27	40.49	37.98	36.92	37.46	73.97	81.26	77.87	185.82	172.19	178.58	253.17	220.05	232.88	125.92	129.34	127.78
Western	41.00	36.75	38.87	34.76	28.91	31.89	75.26	79.74	77.62	158.81	155.92	157.35	240.24	224.97	231.45	121.87	125.40	123.73

NATIONAL	£37.33	£33.91	£35.66	£31.31	£30.02	£30.68	£73.53	£83.18	£78.77	£180.22	£174.60	£177.24	£260.05	£237.10	£246.04	£119.45	£128.42	£124.32
% OF NATIONAL AVERAGE	30.03%	27.28%	28.68%	25.19%	24.15%	24.68%	59.15%	66.91%	63.36%	144.96%	140.44%	142.57%	209.18%	190.72%	197.91%	96.08%	103.30%	100.00%

Table 16 G.M.S. : Number of Prescription Forms and Items

Health Board	Number of Forms		Number of Items		Items Per Form	
	1995	1994	1995	1994	1995	1994
Eastern	2,757,451	2,615,610	5,730,245	5,452,106	2.08	2.08
Midland	610,071	585,713	1,239,195	1,186,143	2.03	2.03
Mid-Western	823,957	787,842	1,747,664	1,651,735	2.12	2.10
North Eastern	862,751	808,218	1,778,479	1,662,686	2.06	2.06
North Western	588,446	554,821	1,184,346	1,112,529	2.01	2.01
South Eastern	1,068,334	1,025,659	2,099,824	2,008,797	1.97	1.96
Southern	1,483,160	1,413,609	3,056,522	2,904,891	2.06	2.05
Western	996,633	948,589	2,042,591	1,927,264	2.05	2.03
NATIONAL	9,190,803	8,740,061	18,878,866	17,906,151	2.05	2.05

**Table 16 G.M.S. : Payment to Pharmacists in respect of prescriptions
contd.**

Health Board	Cost		Cost per Form		Cost per Item		Ingredient Cost per Item	
	1995 £	1994 £	1995 £	1994 £	1995 £	1994 £	1995 £	1994 £
Eastern	47,232,798	43,449,016	17.13	16.61	8.24	7.97	6.35	6.13
Midland	9,848,234	9,201,419	16.14	15.71	7.95	7.76	6.07	5.92
Mid-Western	13,956,379	12,762,839	16.94	16.20	7.99	7.73	6.11	5.89
North Eastern	14,899,698	13,380,925	17.27	16.56	8.38	8.05	6.50	6.22
North Western	10,016,625	9,113,484	17.02	16.43	8.46	8.19	6.57	6.34
South Eastern	16,609,430	15,578,933	15.55	15.19	7.91	7.76	6.00	5.89
Southern	23,554,137	21,859,320	15.88	15.46	7.71	7.53	5.83	5.69
Western	17,122,184	15,666,615	17.18	16.52	8.38	8.13	6.50	6.30
NATIONAL	£153,239,485	£141,012,551	£16.69	£16.13	£8.12	£7.88	£6.23	£6.04

**Table 16 G.M.S. : Number of Items on Prescription Forms
contd.**

Prescription forms having:-	1995		1994	
	No of Forms	% of Total	No of Forms	% of Total
One Item	4,544,306	49.44%	4,295,168	49.14%
Two Items	2,237,628	24.35%	2,161,491	24.73%
Three Items	1,094,880	11.91%	1,062,363	12.16%
Four Items	586,618	6.38%	569,946	6.52%
Five Items	334,131	3.64%	318,200	3.64%
Six Items	192,480	2.09%	179,165	2.05%
Seven Items	102,109	1.11%	93,949	1.07%
Eight or more Items	98,651	1.07%	59,779	0.68%

Table 17 G.M.S. : Number of Dispensing Doctors* and Persons for whom they dispense

Health Board	1995		1994	
	No. of Doctors	No. of Persons	No. of Doctors	No. of Persons
Eastern	2	654	2	689
Midland	20	6,927	22	8,347
Mid-Western	19	7,200	21	7,521
North Eastern	22	6,410	24	6,900
North Western	38	24,043	39	25,981
South Eastern	44	17,666	43	19,610
Southern	25	2,656	26	3,037
Western	45	24,408	50	28,703
NATIONAL	215	89,964	227	100,788

** In rural areas where a doctor has a centre of practice 3 miles or more from the nearest retail pharmacy the doctor dispenses for persons served from that centre who opt to be dispensed to. The doctor is paid a dispensing fee for each such person. A doctor's medicine requirements are obtained on a Stock Order from a retail pharmacy - the stock ordered is approved in advance by a Health Board.*

Table 18 G.M.S. : Advance Payments* to Pharmacists

Health Board	Amount advanced to Pharmacists as at 31st December:-	
	1995	1994
	£	£
Eastern	2,840,994	2,510,636
Midland	599,029	760,255
Mid-Western	836,111	558,436
North Eastern	854,819	799,397
North Western	589,314	565,168
South Eastern	1,005,499	945,657
Southern	1,399,397	1,313,296
Western	1,025,082	941,440
NATIONAL	£9,150,245	£8,394,285

** An advance payment is made to each pharmacy on entry to the Scheme primarily to cover the cost of stock holding for the purposes of the Scheme. It is calculated on the estimated number of prescription items submitted in the first claim. It is adjusted, where necessary, at the end of the first six months to equate to the average monthly ingredient cost of prescription forms dispensed over the period and is reviewed annually thereafter.*

Table 19 G.M.S. : Notes on some of the more commonly prescribed products

AMOXYCILLIN AND AMPICILLIN	Amoxycillin and Ampicillin are broad spectrum Penicillin antibiotics indicated for the treatment of a wide range of bacterial infections.	BECLOMETHASONE	Beclomethasone is a potent steroid having an anti-inflammatory action within the lungs. It is used mainly by inhalation for the treatment of bronchial asthma.
SALBUTAMOL	Salbutamol is a beta-adrenergic stimulant used mainly in the treatment of chronic asthma and chronic bronchitis.	NIFEDIPINE	Nifedipine is a calcium - channel blocker with peripheral and coronary vasodilator properties. It is given by mouth in the management of hypertension and of angina pectoris.
DICLOFENAC AND MEFENAMIC ACID	These are members of the Non-Steroidal Anti-inflammatory Drug (NSAID) class and are mainly used to treat pain and inflammation associated with muscular conditions and rheumatoid arthritis.	ERYTHROMYCIN	This is a broad spectrum antibiotic used mainly for upper and lower respiratory tract infections and skin and soft tissue infections. It is an important antibiotic for those patients who are allergic to Penicillins.
DIAZEPAM	Diazepam is a benzodiazepine used for its sedative, hypnotic and anticonvulsant effects.	ATENOLOL	Atenolol is a beta blocker. Members of this class of drugs are used in the treatment of hypertension, angina pectoris and cardiac arrhythmias.
CIMETIDINE AND RANITIDINE	These drugs are Histamine H ₂ - receptor antagonists used to treat peptic ulcers.	OMEPRAZOLE	Omeprazole is a proton pump inhibitor which prevents secretion of gastric acid. It is used in the treatment of reflux oesophagitis and peptic ulceration.

Table 19.1 G.M.S. : The most commonly prescribed products in the order of their prescribing frequency

Name	Prescribing Frequency	% of Scheme Total	Ingredient Cost £	% of Scheme Total
1 Amoxicillin	589,068	3.10	1,949,107	1.59
2 Salbutamol (Inhaled)	531,951	2.80	2,597,802	2.12
3 Aspirin	520,198	2.74	531,981	0.43
4 Mefenamic Acid	331,846	1.75	1,104,252	0.90
5 Diazepam	306,763	1.61	220,869	0.18
6 Digoxin	302,294	1.59	205,164	0.17
7 Diclofenac (Systemic)	285,986	1.51	2,710,457	2.21
8 Amoxicillin with Enzyme Inhibitor	282,746	1.49	2,083,261	1.70
9 Prednisolone (Systemic)	277,129	1.46	182,306	0.15
10 Frusemide with K -Sparing Agents	263,532	1.39	1,151,225	0.94
11 Beclomethasone (Inhaled)	254,045	1.34	3,597,359	2.94
12 Ampicillin	251,760	1.33	387,557	0.32
13 Temazepam	231,011	1.22	493,362	0.40
14 Cimetidine	228,859	1.20	2,218,623	1.81
15 Nifedipine	221,075	1.16	2,387,446	1.95
16 Atenolol	216,480	1.14	1,203,821	0.98
17 Bendrofluazide with K	198,212	1.04	202,053	0.16
18 Dextropropoxyphene Comb excl Psycholeptics	194,509	1.02	261,385	0.21
19 Captopril	194,180	1.02	2,825,372	2.31
20 Frusemide	185,662	0.98	197,822	0.16
21 Carbocisteine	184,189	0.97	699,373	0.57
22 Ibuprofen	180,302	0.95	715,242	0.58
23 Paracetamol, Combs. excl Psycholeptics	175,366	0.92	804,103	0.66
24 Theophylline	174,886	0.92	801,866	0.65
25 Lactulose	169,446	0.89	649,846	0.53
26 Thyroxine Sodium	167,298	0.88	34,342	0.03
27 Desogestrel with Oestrogen	154,799	0.81	297,215	0.24
28 Flurazepam	151,111	0.80	429,996	0.35
29 Erythromycin (Systemic)	150,575	0.79	574,873	0.47
30 Thioridazine	147,351	0.78	336,466	0.27
31 Warfarin	144,172	0.76	39,851	0.03
32 Glyceryl Trinitrate	143,187	0.75	1,154,564	0.94
33 Alginic Acid	141,229	0.74	498,871	0.41
34 Omeprazole	137,760	0.73	5,237,439	4.27
35 Isosorbide Mononitrate	136,967	0.72	1,471,826	1.20
TOTAL	8,225,944	43.57%	£40,257,097	34.23%

Table 19.2 G.M.S. : The products of highest cost in the order of their total ingredient cost

Name	Ingredient Cost £	% of Scheme Total	Prescribing Frequency	% of Scheme Total
1 Omeprazole	5,237,439	4.27	137,760	0.73
2 Beclomethasone (Inhaled)	3,597,359	2.94	254,045	1.34
3 Ranitidine	3,524,398	2.88	134,973	0.71
4 Medical Foods	3,420,950	2.79	103,102	0.54
5 Captopril	2,825,372	2.31	194,180	1.02
6 Ostomy/Urinary Requisites	2,818,059	2.30	53,318	0.28
7 Diclofenac (Systemic)	2,710,457	2.21	285,986	1.51
8 Salbutamol (Inhaled)	2,597,802	2.12	531,951	2.80
9 Nifedipine	2,387,446	1.95	221,075	1.16
10 Cimetidine	2,218,623	1.81	228,859	1.20
11 Budesonide (Inhaled)	2,161,012	1.76	64,532	0.34
12 Amoxycillin with Enzyme Inhibitor	2,083,261	1.70	282,746	1.49
13 Amoxycillin	1,949,107	1.59	589,068	3.10
14 Fluoxetine	1,650,177	1.35	73,910	0.39
15 Isosorbide Mononitrate	1,471,826	1.20	136,967	0.72
16 Diltiazem	1,360,957	1.11	99,725	0.52
17 Ipratropium Bromide (Inhaled)	1,208,411	0.99	62,470	0.33
18 Atenolol	1,203,821	0.98	216,480	1.14
19 Amlodipine	1,197,143	0.98	71,896	0.38
20 Glyceryl Trinitrate	1,154,564	0.94	143,187	0.75
21 Frusemide with K -Sparing Agents	1,151,225	0.94	263,532	1.39
22 Mefenamic Acid	1,104,252	0.90	331,846	1.75
23 Paroxetine	1,064,092	0.87	46,703	0.25
24 Somatropin	1,012,649	0.83	1,367	0.01
25 Diagnostics	965,388	0.79	75,634	0.40
26 Pravastatin	841,051	0.69	31,878	0.17
27 Paracetamol, Combs. excl Psycholeptics	804,103	0.66	175,366	0.92
28 Theophylline	801,866	0.65	174,886	0.92
29 Ibuprofen	715,242	0.58	180,302	0.95
30 Sertraline	702,828	0.57	18,336	0.10
31 Carbocisteine	699,373	0.57	184,189	0.97
32 Naproxen (Systemic)	698,615	0.57	65,282	0.34
33 Captopril with Diuretic	661,436	0.54	31,792	0.17
34 Lactulose	649,846	0.53	169,446	0.89
35 Morphine	619,378	0.51	33,535	0.18
TOTAL	£59,269,528	50.39%	5,670,324	30.04%

Table 19.3 D.C.S. : The most commonly prescribed products in the order of their prescribing frequency

Name	Prescribing Frequency	% of Scheme Total	Ingredient Cost £	% of Scheme Total
1 Salbutamol (Inhaled)	64,593	3.82	387,271	2.06
2 Aspirin	60,380	3.57	58,291	0.31
3 Beclomethasone (Inhaled)	38,079	2.25	749,145	3.99
4 Prednisolone (Systemic)	36,882	2.18	27,086	0.14
5 Omeprazole	36,167	2.14	1,547,589	8.24
6 Captopril	30,553	1.81	515,633	2.75
7 Nifedipine	26,903	1.59	321,728	1.71
8 Theophylline	23,594	1.40	126,357	0.67
9 Budesonide (Inhaled)	23,009	1.36	827,550	4.41
10 Diclofenac (Systemic)	21,820	1.29	242,841	1.29
11 Ranitidine	21,324	1.26	593,803	3.16
12 Glyceril Trinitrate	21,284	1.26	188,414	1.00
13 Atenolol	21,112	1.25	136,878	0.73
14 Frusemide with Potassium Sparing Agents	20,490	1.21	100,665	0.54
15 Warfarin	19,922	1.18	5,828	0.03
16 Digoxin	19,611	1.16	13,232	0.07
17 Isosorbide Mononitrate	18,428	1.09	208,936	1.11
18 Diltiazem	18,352	1.09	263,522	1.40
19 Frusemide	18,017	1.07	25,029	0.13
20 Amoxycillin with Enzyme Inhibitor	16,421	0.97	133,797	0.71
21 Temazepam	15,131	0.90	35,968	0.19
22 Diazepam	14,691	0.87	14,846	0.08
23 Ostomy/Urinary Requisites	14,456	0.86	623,139	3.32
24 Paracetamol, Combs. excl Psycholeptics	14,166	0.84	73,773	0.39
25 Pravastatin	14,106	0.83	429,899	2.29
26 Cimetidine	13,379	0.79	181,720	0.97
27 Mefenamic Acid	13,185	0.78	58,622	0.31
28 Amlodipine	12,793	0.76	221,037	1.18
29 Alginic Acid	12,749	0.75	49,110	0.26
30 Amoxycillin	12,652	0.75	64,941	0.35
31 Terbutaline (Inhaled)	12,385	0.73	119,150	0.63
32 Fluoxetine	12,079	0.71	304,023	1.62
33 Flurazepam	11,878	0.70	35,555	0.19
34 Fluticasone (Inhaled)	11,433	0.68	478,928	2.55
35 Thyroxine Sodium	11,378	0.67	2,774	0.01
TOTAL	753,402	44.58%	£9,167,080	48.81%

Table 19.4 D.C.S. : The products of highest cost in the order of their total ingredient cost

Name	Ingredient Cost £	% of Scheme Total	Prescribing Frequency	% of Scheme Total
1 Omeprazole	1,547,589	8.24	36,167	2.14
2 Budesonide (Inhaled)	827,550	4.41	23,009	1.36
3 Beclomethasone (Inhaled)	749,145	3.99	38,079	2.25
4 Ostomy/Urinary Requisites	623,139	3.32	14,456	0.86
5 Ranitidine	593,803	3.16	21,324	1.26
6 Captopril	515,633	2.75	30,553	1.81
7 Fluticasone (Inhaled)	478,928	2.55	11,433	0.68
8 Pravastatin	429,899	2.29	14,106	0.83
9 Salbutamol (Inhaled)	387,271	2.06	64,593	3.82
10 Nifedipine	321,728	1.71	26,903	1.59
11 Fluoxetine	304,023	1.62	12,079	0.71
12 Salmeterol	278,187	1.48	9,824	0.58
13 Paroxetine	271,781	1.45	10,713	0.63
14 Diltiazem	263,522	1.40	18,352	1.09
15 Diclofenac (Systemic)	242,841	1.29	21,820	1.29
16 Sertraline	242,332	1.29	5,671	0.34
17 Azathioprine	241,488	1.29	7,134	0.42
18 Amlodipine	221,037	1.18	12,793	0.76
19 Ipratropium Bromide (Inhaled)	218,405	1.16	10,580	0.63
20 Isosorbide Mononitrate	208,936	1.11	18,428	1.09
21 Glyceryl Trinitrate	188,414	1.00	21,284	1.26
22 Cimetidine	181,720	0.97	13,379	0.79
23 Simvastatin	169,495	0.90	5,541	0.33
24 Mesalazine	150,865	0.80	3,752	0.22
25 Doxazosin	140,751	0.75	6,121	0.36
26 Atenolol	136,878	0.73	21,112	1.25
27 Captopril with Diuretic	134,966	0.72	6,105	0.36
28 Amoxycillin with Enzyme Inhibitor	133,797	0.71	16,421	0.97
29 Sod.Cromoglycate (Inhaled) .	129,381	0.69	7,331	0.43
30 Theophylline	126,357	0.67	23,594	1.40
31 Enalapril	125,506	0.67	9,084	0.54
32 Goserelin	123,355	0.66	980	0.06
33 Terbutaline (Inhaled)	119,150	0.63	12,385	0.73
34 Oxitropium Bromide	107,789	0.57	7,097	0.42
35 Lisinopril	103,791	0.55	6,740	0.40
TOTAL	£11,039,452	58.78%	568,943	33.66%

Table 19.5 L.T.I. : The most commonly prescribed products in the order of their prescribing frequency

Name	Prescribing Frequency	% of Scheme Total	Ingredient Cost £	% of Scheme Total
1 Diagnostics	88,410	12.80	1,481,630	16.07
2 Needles/Syringes/Lancets	51,360	7.43	374,995	4.07
3 Metformin	39,040	5.65	94,776	1.03
4 Carbamazepine	37,615	5.44	265,200	2.88
5 Insulins, Fast-Acting	33,001	4.78	555,760	6.03
6 Phenytoin	29,322	4.24	65,507	0.71
7 Sodium Valproate	28,611	4.14	257,358	2.79
8 Gliclazide	27,967	4.05	227,006	2.46
9 Insulins, Intermediate-Acting	25,289	3.66	474,421	5.14
10 Glibenclamide	24,952	3.61	162,694	1.76
11 Insulins, Inter- Acting, Rapid Onset of Effect	20,680	2.99	516,126	5.60
12 Medical Foods	18,580	2.69	822,190	8.91
13 Dressings	15,397	2.23	43,104	0.47
14 Phenobarbitone	15,041	2.18	26,806	0.29
15 Insulins, Long-Acting	13,104	1.90	225,748	2.45
16 Levodopa with Decarboxylase Inhibitor	10,584	1.53	164,128	1.78
17 Pancreatic Enzymes	8,300	1.20	395,703	4.29
18 Lamotrigine	6,074	0.88	307,851	3.34
19 Evening Primrose Oil/Other metabolism products	5,434	0.79	102,218	1.11
20 Selegiline	5,115	0.74	166,209	1.80
21 Amoxicillin with Enzyme Inhibitor	5,075	0.73	52,489	0.57
22 Chlorpropamide	4,405	0.64	8,557	0.09
23 Glucagon	3,613	0.52	25,454	0.28
24 Salbutamol (Inhaled)	3,595	0.52	24,559	0.27
25 Primidone	3,498	0.51	5,716	0.06
26 Vigabatrin	3,265	0.47	167,339	1.81
27 Tocopherol (Vitamin E)	3,215	0.47	13,719	0.15
28 Diazepam	3,134	0.45	8,779	0.10
29 Flucloxacillin	3,104	0.45	61,991	0.67
30 Aspirin	3,098	0.45	3,067	0.03
31 Baclofen	3,055	0.44	43,055	0.47
32 Ostomy/Urinary Requisites	2,900	0.42	89,323	0.97
33 Colistin (Systemic)	2,862	0.41	176,984	1.92
34 Clonazepam	2,629	0.38	12,871	0.14
35 Clobazam	2,512	0.36	13,529	0.15
TOTAL	553,836	80.16%	£7,436,862	80.64%

Table 19.6 L.T.I. : The products of highest cost in the order of their total ingredient cost

Name	Ingredient Cost £	% of Scheme Total	Prescribing Frequency	% of Scheme Total
1 Diagnostics	1,481,630	16.07	88,410	12.80
2 Medical Foods	822,190	8.91	18,580	2.69
3 Insulins, Fast-Acting	555,760	6.03	33,001	4.78
4 Insulins, Inter- Acting, Rapid Onset of Effect	516,126	5.60	20,680	2.99
5 Insulins, Intermediate-Acting	474,421	5.14	25,289	3.66
6 Pancreatic Enzymes	395,703	4.29	8,300	1.20
7 Needles/Syringes/Lancets	374,995	4.07	51,360	7.43
8 Lamotrigine	307,851	3.34	6,074	0.88
9 Carbamazepine	265,200	2.88	37,615	5.44
10 Sodium Valproate	257,358	2.79	28,611	4.14
11 Gliclazide	227,006	2.46	27,967	4.05
12 Insulins, Long-Acting	225,748	2.45	13,104	1.90
13 Colistin (Systemic)	176,984	1.92	2,862	0.41
14 Vigabatrin	167,339	1.81	3,265	0.47
15 Selegiline	166,209	1.80	5,115	0.74
16 Levodopa with Decarboxylase Inhibitor	164,128	1.78	10,584	1.53
17 Glibenclamide	162,694	1.76	24,952	3.61
18 Tolrestat	140,728	1.53	2,086	0.30
19 Evening Primrose Oil/Other metabolism products	102,218	1.11	5,434	0.79
20 Metformin	94,776	1.03	39,040	5.65
21 Ostomy/Urinary Requisites	89,323	0.97	2,900	0.42
22 Phenytoin	65,507	0.71	29,322	4.24
23 Desmopressin	64,537	0.70	1,978	0.29
24 Flucloxacillin	61,991	0.67	3,104	0.45
25 Ciprofloxacin	57,680	0.63	1,105	0.16
26 Ceftazidime	57,315	0.62	161	0.02
27 Bromocriptine	53,000	0.57	1,894	0.27
28 Amoxycillin with Enzyme Inhibitor	52,489	0.57	5,075	0.73
29 Dressings	43,104	0.47	15,397	2.23
30 Baclofen	43,055	0.47	3,055	0.44
31 Feeding tubes /Ancillary devices	39,686	0.43	654	0.09
32 Oxybutynin	37,863	0.41	1,712	0.25
33 Gabapentin	36,718	0.40	684	0.10
34 Omeprazole	36,042	0.39	838	0.12
35 Budesonide (Inhaled)	34,706	0.38	596	0.09
TOTAL	£7,852,080	85.14%	520,804	75.38%

Table 20 G.M.S. : Distribution of Medicines and Appliances by Anatomical Therapeutic Chemical Classification.

A.T.C. Class	Product Category	Prescribing Frequency	% of Scheme Total	Ingredient Cost £	% of Scheme Total
A	Alimentary Tract and Metabolism	1,908,068	10.04	19,769,581	16.14
A01	Stomatological Preparations	71,555	0.38	192,607	0.16
A02	Antacids, Drugs for Treatment of Peptic Ulcer and Flatulence	828,727	4.36	13,179,342	10.76
A03	Antispasmodic and Anticholinergic Agents and Propulsives	223,792	1.18	1,029,563	0.84
A04	Anti-emetics and Antinauseants	1,582	0.01	246,023	0.20
A05	Bile and Liver Therapy	2,953	0.02	69,793	0.06
A06	Laxatives	264,311	1.39	1,076,642	0.88
A07	Antidiarrhoeals, Intestinal Anti-inflammatory/ Anti-infective Agents	146,405	0.77	898,847	0.73
A08	Anti-obesity Preparations excluding Diet Products	21,905	0.12	76,449	0.06
A09	Digestives, including Enzymes	4,827	0.03	292,359	0.24
A10	Drugs Used in Diabetes	269,804	1.42	2,347,625	1.92
A11	Vitamins	24,280	0.13	248,424	0.20
A12	Mineral Supplements	42,568	0.22	46,769	0.04
A14	Anabolic Agents for Systemic Use	5,359	0.03	65,138	0.05
B	Blood and Blood Forming Organs	529,232	2.78	1,981,967	1.62
B01	Antithrombotic Agents	169,231	0.89	190,427	0.16
B02	Antihaemorrhagics	4,595	0.02	37,892	0.03
B03	Anti-anemic Preparations	305,411	1.61	474,055	0.39
B04	Serum Lipid Reducing Agents	49,779	0.26	1,278,126	1.04
B05	Plasma Substitutes and Perfusion Solutions	188	----	1,302	----
B06	Other Haematological Agents	28	----	165	----

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A.T.C. Class	Product Category	Prescribing Frequency	% of Scheme Total	Ingredient Cost £	% of Scheme Total
C	Cardiovascular System	3,476,376	18.30	23,846,758	19.46
C01	Cardiac Therapy	698,196	3.67	3,664,298	2.99
C02	Antihypertensives	535,791	2.82	6,849,755	5.59
C03	Diuretics	1,062,584	5.59	2,809,896	2.29
C04	Peripheral Vasodilators	74,711	0.39	974,826	0.80
C05	Vasoprotectives	80,967	0.43	376,406	0.31
C07	Beta Blocking Agents	544,962	2.87	3,441,853	2.81
C08	Calcium Channel Blockers	479,165	2.52	5,729,724	4.68
D	Dermatologicals	809,328	4.26	3,428,751	2.80
D01	Antifungals for Dermatological Use	155,614	0.82	688,080	0.56
D02	Emollients and Protectives	1,789	0.01	2,025	0.00
D03	Preparations for treatment of Wounds & Ulcers	1,552	0.01	31,621	0.03
D04	Antipruritics, including Antihistamines, Anaesthetics, etc.	13,081	0.07	27,745	0.02
D05	Antipsoriatics	17,243	0.09	285,389	0.23
D06	Antibiotics and Chemotherapeutics for Dermatological Use	131,439	0.69	577,615	0.47
D07	Corticosteroids, Dermatological Preparations	447,755	2.36	1,359,213	1.11
D09	Medicated Dressings		0.00		0.00
D10	Anti-Acne Preparations	37,425	0.20	406,322	0.33
D11	Other Dermatological Preparations	3,430	0.02	50,741	0.04
G	Genito Urinary System	981,944	5.17	3,584,626	2.93
G01	Gynaecological Anti-infectives and Antiseptics	39,612	0.21	173,161	0.14
G02	Other Gynaecologicals	358	---	2,405	---
G03	Sex Hormones	870,439	4.58	2,477,782	2.02
G04	Urologicals	71,535	0.38	931,278	0.76

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A.T.C. Class	Product Category	Prescribing Frequency	% of Scheme Total	Ingredient Cost £	% of Scheme Total
H	Systemic Hormonal Preparations, Excl. Sex Hormones	521,724	2.75	1,788,374	1.46
H01	Pituitary and Hypothalamic Hormones	6,973	0.04	1,300,047	1.06
H02	Corticosteroids for Systemic Use	323,997	1.71	373,021	0.30
H03	Thyroid Therapy	188,536	0.99	76,755	0.06
H04	Pancreatic Hormones	2,020	0.01	15,490	0.01
H05	Calcium Homeostasis	198	----	23,061	0.02
J	General Anti-infectives for Systemic Use	2,137,176	11.25	10,748,966	8.77
J01	Antibacterials for Systemic Use	2,107,930	11.10	9,932,771	8.11
J02	Antimycotics for Systemic Use	17,592	0.09	259,717	0.21
J04	Antimycobacterials	3,259	0.02	34,659	0.03
J05	Antivirals for Systemic Use	6,493	0.03	514,694	0.42
J07	Vaccines (Tetanus Only)	1,902	0.01	7,125	0.01
L	Antineoplastic and Immunomodulating Agents	90,620	0.48	2,723,285	2.22
L01	Cytostatics	17,767	0.09	120,341	0.10
L02	Endocrine Therapy	57,995	0.31	1,910,711	1.56
L03	Immunomodulating Agents	759	----	255,488	0.21
L04	Immunosuppressive Agents	14,099	0.07	436,745	0.36

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A.T.C. Class	Product Category	Prescribing Frequency	% of Scheme Total	Ingredient Cost £	% of Scheme Total
M	Musculo-Skeletal System	1,379,251	7.26	9,582,024	7.82
M01	Anti-inflammatory and Antirheumatic Products	1,115,460	5.87	7,889,012	6.44
M02	Topical Products for Joint and Muscular Pain	173,127	0.91	971,310	0.79
M03	Muscle Relaxants	31,862	0.17	251,784	0.21
M04	Antigout Preparations	56,007	0.29	328,473	0.27
M05	Drugs for treatment of Bone Diseases	2,795	0.01	141,445	0.12
N	Nervous System	4,200,023	22.11	19,093,363	15.58
N01	Anaesthetics	1,826	0.01	5,350	-----
N02	Analgesics	1,250,462	6.58	3,416,650	2.79
N03	Anti-epileptics	260,897	1.37	1,994,291	1.63
N04	Anti-Parkinson Drugs	154,428	0.81	1,119,472	0.91
N05	Psycholeptics	1,870,866	9.85	5,951,300	4.86
N06	Psychoanaleptics	589,884	3.10	5,933,991	4.84
N07	Other Nervous System Drugs	71,660	0.38	672,309	0.55
P	Antiparasitic Products	101,985	0.54	303,859	0.25
P01	Antiprotozoals	36,640	0.19	128,671	0.11
P02	Anthelmintics	18,711	0.10	45,162	0.04
P03	Ectoparasitocides, incl. Scabicides, Insecticides and Repellants	46,634	0.25	130,026	0.11

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A.T.C. Class	Product Category	Prescribing Frequency	% of Scheme Total	Ingredient Cost £	% of Scheme Total
R	Respiratory System	2,035,490	10.71	15,678,722	12.80
R01	Nasal Preparations	85,899	0.45	527,322	0.43
R03	Anti-asthmatics	1,564,341	8.23	13,794,207	11.26
R05	Cough and Cold Preparations	227,011	1.19	845,114	0.69
R06	Antihistamines for Systemic Use	156,635	0.82	476,488	0.39
R07	Other Respiratory System Products	1,604	0.01	35,591	0.03
S	Sensory Organs	477,073	2.51	1,731,972	1.41
S01	Ophthalmologicals	401,444	2.11	1,521,975	1.24
S02	Otologicals	38,520	0.20	135,182	0.11
S03	Ophthalmological and Otological Preparations	37,109	0.20	74,815	0.06
V	Various	350,555	1.84	8,262,857	6.74
V03	Medicinal Products	4,079	0.02	71,258	0.06
V04	Diagnostic Products	75,634	0.40	965,388	0.79
V06	Medical Foods	103,102	0.54	3,420,950	2.79
V07	Non-Medicinal Products (e.g. Ostomy/Urinary ,Dressings, Needles and Syringes) Miscellaneous	154,011 13,729	0.81 0.07	3,697,218 108,043	3.02 0.09
TOTAL		18,998,845	100.00%	£122,525,105	100.00%

Table 21

G.M.S. :- Average Payment to Doctors in Panel Ranges

Health Board	Average Panel Ranges in 1995													
	0-100		101-250		251-500		501-1,000		1,001-1,500		1,501-2,000		2,001 and Over	
	£		£		£		£		£		£		£	
Eastern	2,261	(36)	11,996	(70)	23,182	(109)	46,213	(165)	75,948	(81)	99,523	(47)	119,256	(8)
Midland	1,586	(3)	13,764	(5)	27,711	(15)	57,420	(35)	87,182	(30)	108,406	(7)	--	
Mid-Western	4,749	(2)	14,578	(14)	28,395	(19)	56,392	(67)	79,458	(27)	105,127	(8)	--	
North Eastern	2,815	(2)	10,721	(6)	24,893	(6)	54,606	(36)	82,204	(45)	104,602	(21)	--	
North Western	4,361	(4)	13,592	(6)	30,068	(9)	55,359	(37)	85,633	(28)	118,536	(17)	152,412	(2)
South Eastern	2,040	(5)	15,418	(6)	30,337	(25)	56,582	(91)	84,314	(32)	116,620	(16)	111,069	(1)
Southern	3,350	(11)	12,751	(32)	29,328	(58)	55,004	(99)	86,360	(53)	115,304	(9)	--	
Western	12,251	(7)	11,758	(20)	27,774	(26)	59,802	(78)	94,552	(48)	123,563	(9)	161,174	(1)
NATIONAL	£3,594	(70)	£12,542	(159)	£26,530	(267)	£53,760	(608)	£83,788	(344)	£108,246	(134)	£127,593	(12)

Note: (i) Only doctors in the Scheme for the full year 1995 are included above.

(ii) The number of doctors in each range is shown in brackets.

(iii) The average payment to doctors in each panel range is the gross payments divided by the number of doctors in that range.

Table 21.1 G.M.S. :- Number of Doctors in Payment Ranges

1995 (1994 in brackets).

Health Board	Up to £10,000	£10,001- £20,000	£20,001- £30,000	£30,001- £40,000	£40,001- £50,000	£50,001- £60,000	£60,001- £70,000	£70,001- £80,000	£80,001- £90,000	£90,001- £100,000	£100,001- £110,000	£110,001- £120,000	£120,001- £130,000	£130,001- £140,000	£140,001 and over
Eastern	59 (60)	74 (72)	76 (74)	56 (63)	63 (52)	41 (48)	41 (34)	19 (20)	26 (29)	29 (28)	18 (16)	11 (2)	1 (2)	1 (-)	1 (1)
Midland	4 (4)	6 (10)	9 (3)	2 (7)	11 (12)	16 (14)	7 (10)	12 (9)	9 (10)	8 (7)	5 (5)	5 (3)	- (2)	1 (-)	-
Mid-Western	5 (8)	9 (10)	17 (13)	9 (15)	18 (19)	24 (23)	19 (13)	10 (7)	10 (12)	8 (6)	3 (2)	3 (2)	- (3)	2 (-)	-
North Eastern	5 (3)	5 (3)	6 (9)	3 (6)	8 (10)	14 (13)	14 (14)	15 (14)	12 (13)	14 (15)	13 (9)	5 (5)	1 (-)	1 (-)	- (1)
North Western	5 (6)	6 (7)	5 (7)	6 (8)	11 (11)	10 (7)	12 (10)	11 (15)	8 (5)	4 (6)	10 (9)	3 (7)	8 (4)	2 (2)	2 (2)
South Eastern	6 (3)	7 (12)	13 (14)	17 (18)	30 (29)	14 (19)	22 (25)	26 (22)	15 (9)	9 (9)	6 (9)	4 (5)	3 (2)	3 (-)	1 (1)
Southern	18 (19)	37 (34)	29 (29)	19 (31)	28 (35)	33 (30)	36 (28)	15 (17)	16 (11)	15 (16)	6 (3)	6 (2)	- (3)	3 (1)	1 (1)
Western	13 (14)	16 (13)	17 (17)	8 (12)	25 (18)	12 (20)	26 (25)	15 (14)	15 (15)	16 (15)	9 (8)	6 (5)	2 (3)	7 (4)	2 (2)
TOTAL	115 (117)	160 (161)	172 (166)	120 (160)	194 (186)	164 (174)	177 (159)	123 (118)	111 (104)	103 (102)	70 (61)	43 (31)	15 (19)	20 (7)	7 (8)

Note: (i) Doctors not in the G.M.S. Scheme for the full year have been excluded from the above table.

(ii) Above table relates to the payments listed in Table 3.

(iii) Services to eligible persons are paid for by reference to the agreed scale of fees (see Appendices 1 and 2). Expenses necessarily incurred by doctors in providing the services are not separately identified on the agreed scale.

Table 22 G.M.S. :- Number of Pharmacists in Dispensing Fee Ranges

1995 (1994 in brackets).

Health Board	Up to £10,000	£10,001- £20,000	£20,001- £30,000	£30,001- £40,000	£40,001- £50,000	£50,001- £60,000	£60,001- £70,000	£70,001- £80,000	£80,001- £90,000	£90,001- £100,000	£100,001- £110,000	£110,001- £120,000	£120,001 and over
Eastern	77 (77)	84 (90)	74 (72)	54 (38)	21 (20)	16 (13)	7 (10)	7 (2)	2 (5)	5 (3)	- (1)	3 (1)	- (1)
Midland	2 (3)	11 (11)	14 (13)	14 (15)	12 (9)	7 (7)	2 (2)	1 (-)	-	-	-	-	-
Mid-Western	8 (7)	23 (27)	30 (30)	21 (16)	9 (8)	4 (3)	3 (1)	-	1 (-)	- (1)	-	-	1 (1)
North Eastern	6 (7)	20 (16)	22 (23)	17 (18)	10 (10)	8 (3)	3 (3)	1 (-)	1 (4)	2 (-)	1 (-)	-	-
North Wester	6 (6)	12 (10)	10 (10)	11 (8)	8 (11)	5 (4)	3 (4)	4 (1)	- (1)	2 (1)	-	-	-
South Eastern	11 (11)	24 (27)	33 (28)	26 (29)	19 (11)	4 (6)	4 (-)	- (2)	1 (1)	1 (-)	-	-	-
Southern	18 (17)	49 (46)	44 (46)	25 (24)	13 (13)	11 (6)	6 (8)	5 (1)	- (2)	1 (1)	-	-	-
Western	7 (9)	28 (32)	33 (26)	12 (16)	11 (12)	14 (6)	3 (4)	6 (4)	-	- (1)	1 (-)	-	-
TOTAL	135 (137)	251 (259)	260 (248)	180 (164)	103 (94)	69 (48)	31 (32)	24 (10)	5 (13)	11 (7)	2 (1)	3 (1)	1 (2)

Note: (i) Pharmacies that entered or left the Scheme during the year are not included in the above table.

(ii) The fees payable to pharmacies are shown in Appendix 3. Expenses necessarily incurred by pharmacies in providing this service are not separately identified in the agreed scale.

Table 23 D.C.S. : Number of eligible persons and number and cost of pharmacists claims

Health Board	*Number of Persons Covered	Average Number of Claimants	Number of Items	Cost per Item £	Gross Cost £	Gross Cost per Claimant £	Paid by Board £	Net Cost per Claimant £
Eastern	23,629	10,713	734,290	18.47	13,562,785	1,265.96	9,950,643	928.80
Midland	2,374	1,296	83,352	17.45	1,454,661	1,122.35	1,015,443	783.47
Mid-Western	7,963	3,106	175,461	18.17	3,188,387	1,026.44	2,231,850	718.50
North Eastern	3,849	1,673	107,224	19.14	2,051,942	1,226.57	1,479,206	884.21
North Western	3,037	1,334	93,295	19.74	1,841,352	1,380.15	1,382,068	1,035.90
South Eastern	5,461	2,367	152,003	18.45	2,804,387	1,184.95	2,005,294	847.31
Southern	10,501	4,462	260,054	17.79	4,627,113	1,037.00	3,233,997	724.79
Western	3,297	1,336	84,476	20.03	1,692,140	1,266.73	1,228,688	919.79
NATIONAL 1995	60,111	26,287	1,690,155	£18.47	£31,222,767	£1,187.75	£22,527,189	£856.96
NATIONAL 1994	41,806	21,056	1,340,178	£17.92	£24,018,119	£1,140.70	£17,082,440	£811.30

Note: * As at 31st December 1995.

Table 24 L.T.I. : Number of eligible persons and number and cost of pharmacists claims

Health Board	*Number of Eligible Persons	Average Number of Claimants	Number of Items	Cost per Item £	Total Cost £	Cost per Claimant £
Eastern	29,718	9,231	299,280	23.31	6,975,843	755.74
Midland	2,157	1,051	29,886	22.87	683,438	650.17
Mid-Western	3,271	1,525	42,536	21.39	909,698	596.46
North Eastern	3,532	1,612	57,721	23.33	1,346,353	835.47
North Western	2,588	1,064	35,307	23.18	818,241	769.32
South Eastern	4,636	2,327	68,766	23.87	1,641,574	705.45
Southern	10,234	3,251	106,361	23.73	2,523,511	776.33
Western	4,618	1,680	51,056	26.93	1,374,733	818.21
NATIONAL 1995	60,754	21,741	690,913	£23.55	£16,273,391	£748.56
NATIONAL 1994	57,137	20,693	653,029	£22.41	£14,648,675	£694.58

Note: * As at 31st December 1995.

Table 25 E.E.A. : Number and cost of pharmacists claims

Health Board	Number of Items	Cost per Item	Total Cost
		£	£
Eastern	9,574	9.38	89,833
Midland	2,524	10.24	25,836
Mid-Western	4,468	10.41	46,526
North Eastern	4,881	10.29	50,237
North Western	10,236	9.66	98,873
South Eastern	5,606	9.00	50,454
Southern	11,514	9.78	112,632
Western	8,754	10.06	88,038
NATIONAL 1995	57,557	£9.77	£562,429
NATIONAL 1994	48,419	£9.46	£458,893

Table 26 D.T.S. : Number of Treatments

Health Board	Emergency	Above the Line	Below the Line	Dentures	Laboratory	Total
Eastern	41,187	6,775	745	1,912	934	51,553
Midland	13,186	1,911	335	470	400	16,302
Mid-Western	12,781	3,772	446	1,287	915	19,201
North Eastern	12,153	1,419	296	526	337	14,731
North Western	7,560	1,707	215	658	484	10,624
South Eastern	20,640	4,669	569	1,543	1,190	28,611
Southern	21,664	6,264	872	1,570	1,286	31,656
Western	14,476	3,793	558	1,320	1,235	21,382
NATIONAL	143,647	30,310	4,036	9,286	6,781	194,060

Table 27 G.M.S. : Investment in General Practice Development

Health Board	1995	1994
	£	£
Eastern	437,386	1,027,889
Midland	110,911	357,200
Mid-Western	447,561	220,422
North Eastern	238,442	365,923
North Western	360,947	560,414
South Eastern	542,197	658,229
Southern	669,020	560,294
Western	522,606	977,000
NATIONAL	£3,329,070	£4,727,371

Note: The above are payments from the Indicative Drug Target Savings.

CAPITATION FEES

AGES	Up to 3 Miles		3-5 Miles		5-7 Miles		7-10 Miles		Over 10 Miles	
	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Up to 4	34.31	33.48	36.14	35.31	38.84	38.01	41.49	40.67	44.80	43.98
5 - 15	19.92	20.16	20.69	20.90	21.80	22.02	22.87	23.09	24.24	24.44
16 - 44	25.45	41.58	26.43	42.56	27.87	44.01	29.28	45.42	31.05	47.18
45 - 64	50.78	55.79	53.14	58.16	56.62	61.63	60.03	65.07	64.30	69.30
65 and ove	53.50	59.69	60.04	66.24	69.76	75.95	79.31	85.50	91.15	97.35

SUPPLEMENTARY OUT-OF-HOURS PAYMENT:- (per person per annum)	£1.66	Late	Outside Normal Hours	
			Urban	£11.10
			Up to 3 miles	£11.10
OUT-OF-HOURS PAYMENT:- SURGERY	£20.79		3 - 5 miles	£14.35
			5 - 7 miles	£18.71
			7 - 10 miles	£24.85
			over 10 miles	£29.16
DOMICILIARY		Night	Midnight to 8.00 a.m.	
Up to 3 miles	£20.79		Urban	£21.78
3 - 5 miles	£27.71		Up to 3 miles	£21.78
5 - 7 miles	£31.18		3 - 5 miles	£28.00
7 - 10 miles	£34.65		5 - 7 miles	£35.41
over 10 miles	£41.57		7 - 10 miles	£39.50
Additional Fee	£16.21		over 10 miles	£43.42
SPECIAL ITEMS OF SERVICE:-		EMERGENCY FEE		£6.31
(i) to (ix)	£13.86	E.E.A. RESIDENTS		£6.52
(x) and (xi)	£20.79	RURAL DISPENSING FEE		£6.31
(xii)	£34.65	FEE FOR SECOND MEDICAL OPINION		£13.86
+ Mileage		PRACTICE PAYMENTS FOR RURAL AREAS		
TEMPORARY RESIDENTS:-		Rural Practice Allowance Per Annum		£6,929.00
SURGERY CONSULTATIONS		PRACTICE SUPPORT		
Day Normal Hours	£5.75	Allowance for Practice Secretary	Per Annum	£8,315.00
Late Outside Normal Hours other than (Night)	£8.18	Allowance for Practice Nurse	Per Annum	£13,857.00
Night Midnight to 8.00 a.m.	£16.21	CONTRIBUTIONS TO LOCUM EXPENSES		
DOMICILIARY CONSULTATIONS		(Subject to the conditions of the agreement)		
Day Normal Hours		Annual Leave		
Urban	£8.50	Sick Leave	- up to a maximum of £555.00 per week	
Up to 3 miles	£8.50	Study Leave		
3 - 5 miles	£11.10	Maternity Leave	- up to a maximum of £81.00 per day	
5 - 7 miles	£14.93	CONTRIBUTIONS TO MEDICAL INDEMNITY INSURANCE		
7 - 10 miles	£18.71	Calculation of contribution is related to G.M.S. panel numbers and nett premium		
Over 10 miles	£23.38			

**FEES AND ALLOWANCES UNDER THE FEE-PER-ITEM AGREEMENT
AS AT 31ST DECEMBER 1995**

APPENDIX 2

SURGERY CONSULTATIONS		£
Day	Normal Hours	£5.72
Late	Outside Normal Hours other than (Night)	£8.14
Night	Midnight to 8.00 a.m.	£16.12
DOMICILIARY CONSULTATIONS		
Day	Normal Hours	
	Urban	£8.45
	Up to 3 miles	£8.45
	3-5 miles	£11.05
	5-7 miles	£14.86
	7-10 miles	£18.63
	Over 10 miles	£23.29
Late	Outside Normal Hours	
	Urban	£11.05
	Up to 3 miles	£11.05
	3-5 miles	£14.31
	5-7 miles	£18.63
	7-10 miles	£24.74
	Over 10 miles	£29.03
Night	Midnight to 8.00 a.m.	
	Urban	£21.69
	Up to 3 miles	£21.69
	3-5 miles	£27.87
	5-7 miles	£35.25
	7-10 miles	£39.33
	Over 10 miles	£43.20
EMERGENCY FEE / E.E.A. FEE		£6.26
DISPENSING FEE		£6.26
RURAL PRACTITIONERS ALLOWANCE		Per Annum £3,690.00
LOCUM AND PRACTICE EXPENSE ALLOWANCE		Per Annum £718.00
SESSIONAL RATE - HOMES FOR THE AGED		
	Per 3 Hour Session	£38.34

**SCALE OF FEES PAYABLE TO PARTICIPATING PHARMACISTS
AS AT 31ST DECEMBER 1995**

APPENDIX 3

CHOICE-OF-DOCTOR SCHEME	As at 31.12.95
STANDARD FEE-PER-ITEM (NOTE 1)	p 158.93
EXTEMPORANEOUS PRESCRIPTIONS:	
(i) Addition of liquid to a preformulated preparation in dry form (excepting eye drops and preparations for injections).	317.86
(ii) Mixtures of not more than two proprietary or standard liquids.	317.86
(iii) All other extemporaneous preparations.	317.86
(iv) Sterile eye drops.	317.86
URGENT/LATE DISPENSING:	
Additional fee for Urgent/Late dispensing other than between midnight and 8.00 a.m. (Note 2)	439.40
Additional fee for Urgent/Late dispensing between midnight and 8.00 a.m.	909.66
REPEAT PRESCRIPTIONS:	
Each part of Repeat Set	55.60
NOTE 1: 131.44p basic fee and 27.49p allowance for containers, obsolescence etc.	
NOTE 2: Urgent fee prescriptions are those so specified by the prescriber and necessarily dispensed outside normal hours. Late fee prescriptions are those which, though not marked urgent, are in exceptional circumstances necessarily dispensed outside normal hours by the pharmacist, having regard to the persons requirements.	
SUPPLIES TO DISPENSING DOCTORS: Pharmacies supplying dispensing doctors are reimbursed on the basis of the basic trade price with the addition of 25% on cost.	

SCALE OF FEES PAYABLE TO PARTICIPATING PHARMACISTS UNDER
THE DRUG COST SUBSIDISATION / LONG TERM ILLNESS / E.E.A. VISITORS
SCHEMES AS AT 31ST DECEMBER 1995

Reimbursement of ingredient cost
plus
50% Mark-up on ingredient cost
plus
Standard Fee - 143.00p (Note 1)

Extemporaneously dispensed preparations are reimbursed at current private prescription rates.

Note 1: The standard fee is an all inclusive fee which includes container and broken bulk allowance.

Note 2: In the case of the Drug Cost Subsidisation Scheme the Board makes payments to pharmacies in respect of authorised patients whose monthly costs of prescribed drugs and medicines are in excess of the specified monthly amount (currently £32) payable to the pharmacy by the patient.

**LIST OF FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE DENTAL TREATMENT SERVICES SCHEME
AS AT 31ST DECEMBER 1995**

APPENDIX 5

TREATMENT TYPE	ROUTINE	EMERGENCY	FULL DENTURE
	£	£	£
Oral Examination	16.00	-	16.00
Prophylaxis	15.00	-	-
Restoration (Amalgam)	15.00	27.00	-
Restoration (Composite) 6 anterior teeth only	24.00	36.00	-
Exodontics (Extraction under local anaesthetic)	18.00	28.00	-
Surgical Extraction - Max 3 units:			
Fee payable for first 15 minute unit	17.00	27.00	-
Fee payable for 2nd and 3rd 15 minute unit.	17.00	17.00	-
Apicectomy / Amputation of Roots	*Dentist Estimate	-	-
Endodontics (First stage - Emergency)	*Dentist Estimate	40.00	-
Protracted Periodontal Treatment	*Dentist Estimate	-	-
Radiographs -			
1 Film	12.00	-	-
2 or more Films	18.05	-	-
Panoramic	20.00	-	-
Miscellaneous -			
(e.g. Biopsy, Haemorrhage, Dressings etc.)	10.00	-	-
Dry Socket / Haemorrhage (Emergency)	-	10.00	-
Acute Gum Condition	-	15.00	-
Prosthetics -			
Full Upper or Lower Denture (Other than Edentulous persons)	150.00	-	-
Partial Upper or Lower Acrylic Denture	110.00	-	-
Complete Upper or Lower Reline	60.00	-	-
Complete Upper and Lower Reline	100.00	-	-
Denture Repairs			
1st Item of Repair	22.00	-	-
Each Subsequent Item	7.00	-	-
Maximum	36.00	-	-
Full Upper and Lower Denture (Edentulous Persons Only)	-	-	110.00
Full Upper or Lower Denture (Edentulous Persons Only)	-	-	75.00

Note: *Dentist Estimates are subject to agreement between a Dentist and a Health Board.
Fees payable in respect of Dentures for Edentulous Persons are exclusive of Laboratory Charges.