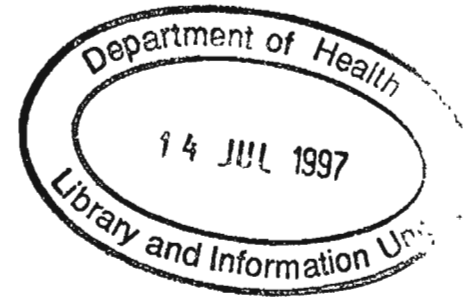




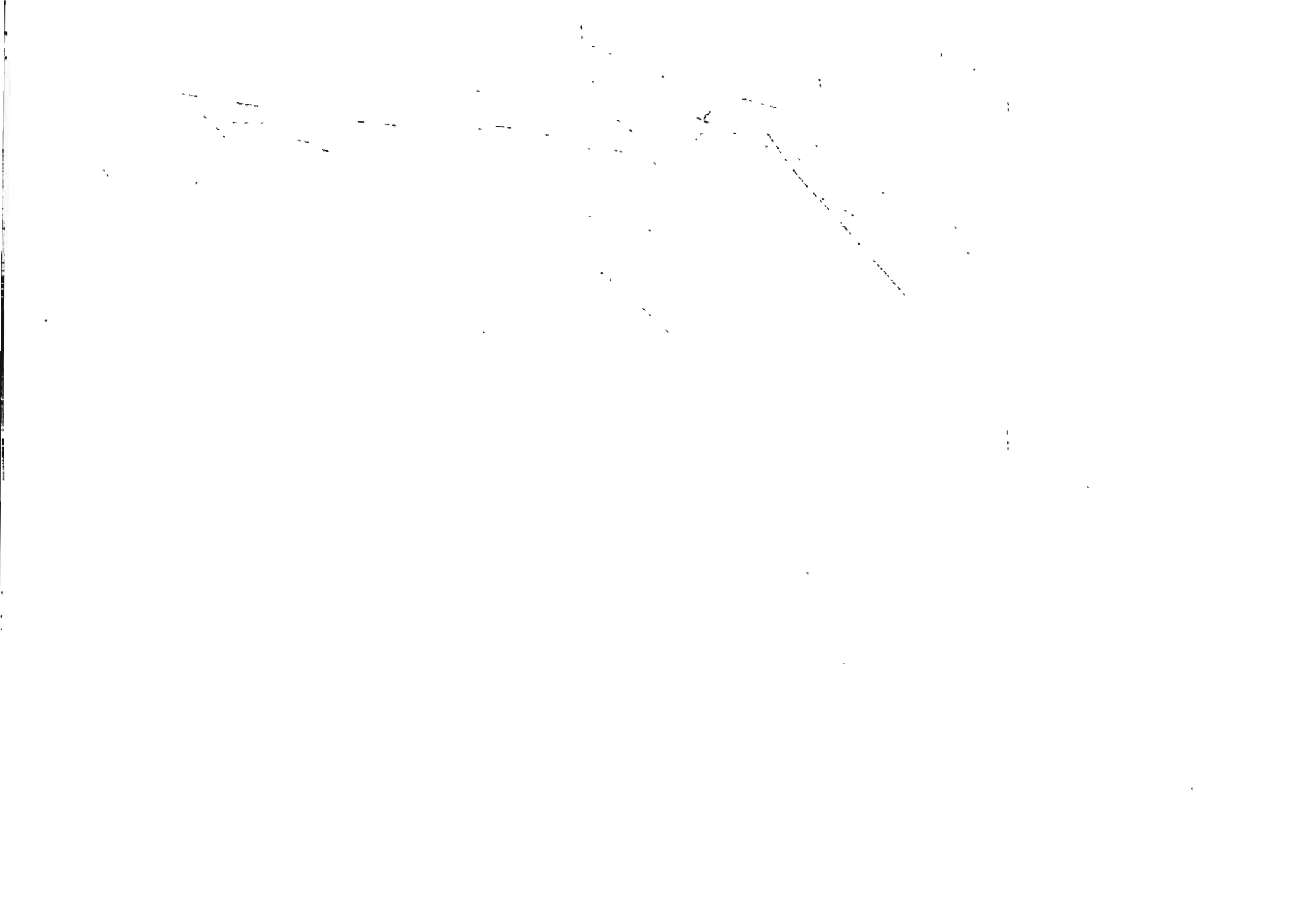
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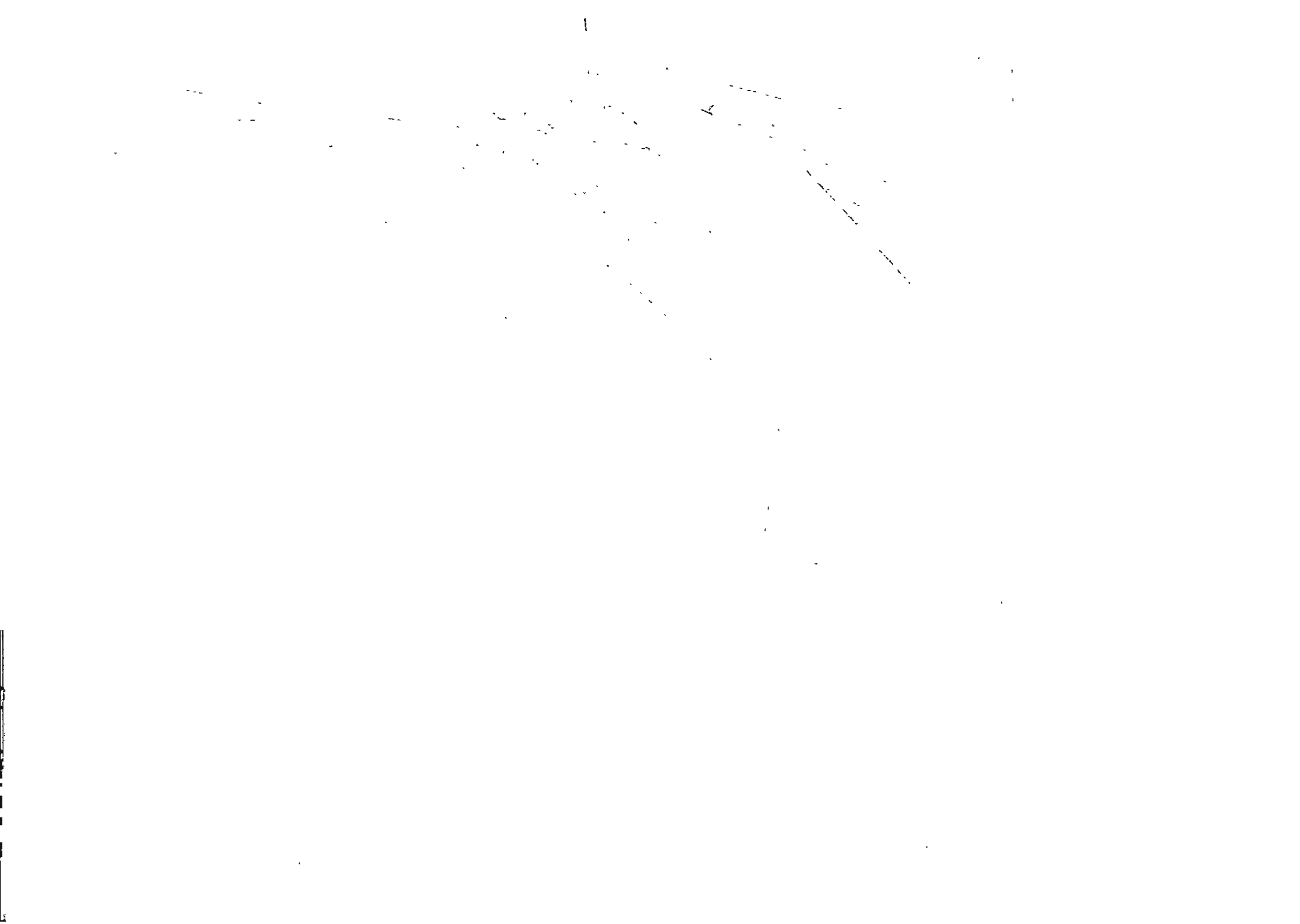
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GENERAL MEDICAL SERVICES (PAYMENTS) BOARD

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.

Among the categories of claims processed for payment 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.

The following is a brief description of the schemes under which claims are processed for payment:-

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. Emergency Treatment and a full denture Service is available for all qualified persons. Routine Treatments are available for those in the approved age cohorts. Dentists may prescribe a range of medicines to eligible persons. In 1996 prescriptions issued by dentists amounted to £198,000.

HEALTH (AMENDMENT) ACT 1996

The Health (Amendment) Act 1996 was brought into force in September 1996 under which certain health services are made available without charge to persons who have contracted Hepatitis C directly or indirectly from the use of Human Immunoglobulin - Anti D or the receipt within the state of another blood product or blood transfusion. General Practitioner services provided under the act are paid for

by the Board. In 1996 £74,000 was paid under this scheme.

HIGH TECH MEDICINES SCHEME

New arrangements were introduced in November 1996 for the supply and dispensing of high-tech medicines through community pharmacies. Such medicines which heretofore were supplied in the main by hospitals or health boards are generally only prescribed or initiated in hospital and would include items such as anti-rejection drugs for transplant patients or medicines used in conjunction with chemotherapy or growth hormones. The medicines are purchased by the health boards and supplied through community pharmacies for which pharmacies are paid a patient care fee by the Board each month. In 1996 the cost of medicines amounted to £3.45m and patient care fees were £0.192m.

NATIONAL PRIMARY CHILDHOOD IMMUNISATION SCHEME

A National Primary Childhood Immunisation Scheme was launched in

December 1995 to provide for immunisation of the total child population with the aim of eliminating, as far as possible, such conditions as Diphtheria, Polio, Measles, Mumps and Rubella. The Board's involvement at this stage is to support the receipt of immunisation payment details from each of the participating health boards and to calculate and make payments to general practitioners. In 1996 payments by the Board amounted to £65,000.

METHADONE PILOT PROJECT

A Pilot Project under which Methadone is prescribed and dispensed by doctors and pharmacists for clients approved by the Eastern Health Board was initiated in March 1996 - capitation fees under this project are paid by the health board to participating doctors and community pharmacists - claims by pharmacies for the ingredient cost of the Methadone dispensed and the associated dispensing fees are processed and paid by the Board. In 1996 payments by the Board amounted to £23,000.

EMERGENCY SUPPLY OF MEDICINES ON HOSPITAL PRESCRIPTIONS

In July 1996 arrangements were made with Community Pharmacies for the dispensing of an emergency supply of an urgently required medicine prescribed for a GMS eligible person on discharge from a general hospital in circumstances where the patient could not without undue hardship attend his/her own G.P. to have the hospital prescription transcribed onto a GMS form. The cost of prescriptions in 1996 amounted to £116,000.

Table 1 G.M.S. : Summary of Statistical Information for each of the five years 1992-1996

Year ended December:-	1996	1995	1994	1993	1992	Year ended December:-	1996	1995	1994	1993	1992
Number of Eligible Persons in December	1,252,385	1,277,055	1,286,813	1,274,621	1,263,001	Number of Doctor Contracts	1,647	1,652	1,666	1,645	1,636
						Number of Pharmacist Contracts	1,153	1,151	1,135	1,107	1,099
DOCTORS	(000's)	(000's)	(000's)	(000's)	(000's)		(000's)	(000's)	(000's)	(000's)	(000's)
Total Payments	£95,169	£91,903	£89,446	£86,234	£73,698	Total Cost of Stock Orders	£6,509	£6,373	£6,446	£6,328	£7,176
						Ingredient Cost	£4,998	£4,902	£4,961	£4,867	£5,528
Doctors Payment per Person	£72.91	£69.24	£67.48	£65.99	£55.35	Pharmacy Fees	£1,250	£1,226	£1,240	£1,217	£1,382
						VAT	£261	£245	£245	£244	£266
PHARMACIES											
Total Cost of Prescriptions	£162,471	£153,239	£141,012	£133,274	£128,894	Overall Cost of Medicines	£168,980	£159,612	£147,458	£139,602	£136,070
Ingredient Cost	£125,337	£117,623	£108,072	£102,038	£100,078	Pharmacy Payment per Person	£133.72	£124.32	£115.01	£110.47	£108.32
Dispensing Fee	£33,268	£31,926	£29,494	£28,119	£25,725						
VAT	£3,866	£3,690	£3,446	£3,117	£3,091						
Number of Forms	9,160	9,191	8,740	8,465	8,016						
Number of Items	19,131	18,879	17,906	17,252	16,534	Overall Payments	£264,149	£251,515	£236,904	£225,836	£209,768
Cost per Form	£17.74	£16.67	£16.13	£15.74	£16.08	Overall Payment per Person	£206.63	£193.56	£182.49	£176.46	£163.67
Cost per Item	£8.49	£8.12	£7.88	£7.72	£7.80						
Ingredient Cost per Item	£6.55	£6.23	£6.04	£5.91	£6.05						
Items per Form	2.09	2.05	2.05	2.04	2.06						

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

Table 1.1 DCS/LTI. : Summary of Statistical Information for each of the five years 1992-1996

Year ended December:-	1996	1995	1994	1993	1992	Year ended December:-	1996	1995	1994	1993	1992
<u>D.C.S. Scheme</u>						<u>L.T.I. Scheme</u>					
Number of Eligible Persons in December	71,660	60,111	46,926	39,023	28,379	Number of Eligible Persons in December	64,205	60,754	57,137	53,728	50,808
Average Number of Claimants	31,843	26,287	21,056	17,039	13,621	Average Number of Claimants	22,815	21,741	20,693	19,454	17,968
	(000's)	(000's)	(000's)	(000's)	(000's)		(000's)	(000's)	(000's)	(000's)	(000's)
Number of Items	2,053	1,690	1,340	1,089	871	Number of Items	726	691	653	615	581
Gross Cost	£39,282	£31,223	£24,018	£18,745	£14,687	Total Cost	£17,633	£16,273	£14,649	£13,106	£11,778
Net Cost	£28,689	£22,527	£17,082	£13,064	£10,171	Cost per Item	£24.27	£23.55	£22.41	£21.31	£20.27
Gross Cost per Item	£19.14	£18.47	£19.92	£17.21	£16.87						
Gross Cost per Claimant	£1,233.62	£1,187.75	£1,140.70	£1,100.13	£1,078.28	Cost per Claimant	£772.87	£748.56	£694.58	£673.70	£655.52
Net Cost per Claimant	£900.93	£856.96	£811.30	£766.69	£746.73	Cost per Person	£281.47	£275.21	£262.83	£249.51	£239.51
Net Cost per Person	£433.58	£415.25	£408.62	£404.23	£400.02						

Table 2 Number of Agreements

Health Board	Doctors		Pharmacists		Dentists	
	1996	1995	1996	1995	1996	1995
Eastern	518	528	381	382	296	294
Midland	99	97	65	66	56	49
Mid-Western	141	144	109	108	67	60
North Eastern	125	124	100	97	100	94
North Western	111	109	62	64	43	32
South Eastern	189	185	130	130	116	109
Southern	268	271	184	182	215	211
Western	196	194	122	122	70	54
NATIONAL	1647	1652	1153	1151	963	903

- (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) 169 Doctors who do not have agreements under the GMS Scheme and who provide services under the Primary Childhood Immunisation Scheme and the Health (Amendment) Act 1996 are not included above.
- (iii) 249 Dentists(244-1995) who are employees of Health Boards and who provide services under the Dental Treatment Services Scheme are included above.
- (iv) Above figures relate to the position as at 31st December 1996.

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

		1996	1995
		£	£
FEES	- Item of Service Contract	1,624,365	1,771,280
	- Capitation	54,984,236	53,107,290
	- Special Claims/Services	3,731,128	3,440,430
	- Out-of-Hours	2,109,247	2,056,466
	- Dispensing	600,554	609,917
ALLOWANCES	- Annual Leave	2,552,175	2,455,939
	- Locum and Practice Expenses	27,730	30,448
	- Sick Leave	382,305	370,099
	- Maternity Leave	28,005	38,276
	- Rural Practice	1,312,085	1,289,369
	- Secretarial/Nursing	8,256,611	7,115,935
	- Study Leave	608,446	353,579
	- Medical Indemnity Insurance	977,833	960,514
	- Rostering/Out of Hours	4,616,712	4,599,732
	- Practice Development	3,077,506	3,066,476
- Practice Support Grant	1,363,641	1,756,713	
SALARIES	- Former District Medical Officers	448,339	505,706
	- Benefits to retired DMO'S and their dependants	3,042,775	3,010,562
SUPERANNUATION FUND	- Contribution	5,425,309	5,364,472
TOTAL		£95,169,002	£91,903,203

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

Health Board	Ingredient Cost		Dispensing Fee		V.A.T.		TOTAL	
	1996 £	1995 £	1996 £	1995 £	1996 £	1995 £	1996 £	1995 £
Eastern	38,440,867	36,378,612	10,040,585	9,744,992	1,175,115	1,109,194	49,656,567	47,232,798
Midland	8,117,488	7,519,606	2,201,869	2,103,245	232,117	225,383	10,551,474	9,848,234
Mid-Western	11,325,951	10,680,936	3,045,635	2,932,782	359,086	342,661	14,730,672	13,956,379
North Eastern	12,545,375	11,564,645	3,158,981	3,012,747	335,908	322,306	16,040,264	14,899,698
North Western	8,551,911	7,776,687	2,130,919	1,997,648	255,506	242,290	10,938,336	10,016,625
South Eastern	13,206,869	12,608,053	3,691,877	3,562,440	445,769	438,937	17,344,515	16,609,430
Southern	18,955,185	17,807,954	5,414,583	5,148,106	632,161	598,077	25,001,929	23,554,137
Western	14,193,429	13,286,564	3,583,183	3,424,369	430,366	411,251	18,206,978	17,122,184
NATIONAL	£125,337,075	£117,623,057	£33,267,632	£31,926,329	£3,866,028	£3,690,099	£162,470,735	£153,239,485

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	Ingredient Cost		* Pharmacy Fee		V.A.T.		TOTAL	
	1996 £	1995 £	1996 £	1995 £	1996 £	1995 £	1996 £	1995 £
Eastern	146,680	138,116	36,671	34,510	26,202	22,986	209,553	195,612
Midland	370,450	371,680	92,621	92,922	18,404	17,615	481,475	482,217
Mid-Western	394,353	344,281	98,586	86,069	26,557	20,201	519,496	450,551
North Eastern	531,218	507,332	132,815	126,829	29,511	25,819	693,544	659,980
North Western	1,116,292	1,089,869	279,093	272,453	45,573	41,270	1,440,958	1,403,592
South Eastern	893,387	846,498	223,374	211,627	36,442	37,436	1,153,203	1,095,561
Southern	177,721	171,830	44,420	42,938	22,697	25,220	244,838	239,988
Western	1,368,389	1,431,517	342,141	357,880	55,547	55,967	1,766,077	1,845,364
NATIONAL	£4,998,490	£4,901,123	£1,249,721	£1,225,228	£260,933	£246,514	£6,509,144	£6,372,865

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) The above figures include needles, syringes and dressings which are available for doctors use.

Table 6

D.T.S.: Payments to Dentists

Health Board	Emergency £	Above the Line £	Below the Line £	Dentures £	Total £
Eastern	1,371,698	146,892	165,010	244,663	1,928,263
Midland	370,668	103,833	63,976	126,313	664,790
Mid-Western	442,202	107,285	83,745	229,783	863,015
North Eastern	428,812	64,752	74,961	212,085	780,610
North Western	298,755	59,762	56,540	136,615	551,672
South Eastern	652,769	90,472	104,642	148,489	996,372
Southern	935,074	369,779	185,914	337,451	1,828,218
Western	506,539	137,696	107,325	248,590	1,000,150
NATIONAL 1996	£5,006,517	£1,080,471	£842,113	£1,683,989	£8,613,090
NATIONAL 1995	£3,939,252	£556,609	£583,303	£1,333,366	£6,412,530

*Dentists were also paid an amount of £4,700 in 1996 in respect of fees under Health (Amendment) Act 1996.
The 1995 figures include £280,574 arrears of fees, paid in 1996, and which are not reflected in the 1996 figures above.*

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

Health Board	1996			1995		
	Doctors £	Pharmacies £	Total £	Doctors £	Pharmacies £	Total £
Eastern	64.85	138.23	203.08	61.88	127.74	189.62
Midland	77.40	135.88	213.28	72.88	125.79	198.67
Mid-Western	75.09	141.83	216.92	70.67	132.66	203.33
North Eastern	69.86	133.99	203.85	65.89	120.83	186.72
North Western	78.05	120.23	198.28	73.43	109.71	183.14
South Eastern	76.20	125.58	201.78	73.13	118.40	191.53
Southern	76.14	135.64	211.78	73.11	127.78	200.89
Western	79.88	130.62	210.50	75.54	123.78	199.32
NATIONAL	£72.91	£133.72	£206.63	£69.24	£124.32	£193.56

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 (1,263,646)

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

1996 (1995 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	5 (11)	12 (19)	27 (37)	47 (51)	61 (85)	74 (95)	87 (71)	60 (56)	47 (34)	27 (23)	53 (34)		
Midland	1 -	0 (1)	3 (5)	4 (5)	10 (16)	19 (26)	23 (23)	18 (10)	9 (6)	4 2	3 (1)		
Mid-Western	-	0 (1)	2 -	7 (9)	16 (23)	22 (37)	37 (27)	22 (13)	13 (18)	6 (5)	14 (4)		
North Eastern	-	1 -	1 (4)	5 (18)	27 (36)	27 (20)	24 (24)	12 (7)	11 (5)	3 (1)	4 (1)		
North Western	-	- (1)	3 (8)	11 (22)	18 (19)	25 (20)	20 (15)	11 (9)	7 (5)	5 (3)	2 (1)		
South Eastern	1 -	- (5)	6 (5)	18 (23)	35 (40)	37 (46)	38 (28)	19 (11)	10 (7)	6 (6)	10 (5)		
Southern	- (1)	1 -	2 (9)	15 (25)	44 (40)	55 (64)	53 (45)	38 (37)	24 (18)	13 (12)	15 (11)		
Western	-	-	5 (7)	7 (8)	23 (38)	47 (51)	39 (37)	32 (26)	18 (10)	5 (3)	8 (9)		
NATIONAL	7 (12)	14 (27)	49 (75)	114 (161)	234 (297)	306 (359)	321 (270)	212 (169)	139 (103)	69 (55)	109 (66)		

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 1996		December 1995			December 1996		December 1995	
	No.	%	No.	%		No.	%	No.	%
EASTERN					NORTH WESTERN				
Dublin	282,872	26.77	300,136	29.27	Donegal	69,524	53.71	69,768	54.46
Wicklow	35,068	34.24	35,723	36.73	Leitrim	12,430	47.24	12,361	48.86
Kildare	35,004	25.95	36,385	29.66	Sligo	20,615	37.05	20,712	37.83
TOTAL	352,944	27.28	372,244	29.89	TOTAL	102,569	48.52	102,841	49.40
MIDLAND					SOUTH EASTERN				
Longford	12,957	42.99	13,118	43.30	Carlow	17,061	41.07	17,058	41.66
Westmeath	22,338	35.32	22,583	36.49	Kilkenny	22,159	36.49	22,153	37.09
Offaly	23,634	40.00	23,994	41.02	Tipperary S.R.	27,309	33.94	28,466	35.52
Laois	21,518	40.76	21,691	41.46	Waterford	39,508	37.98	38,693	38.58
TOTAL	80,447	39.19	81,386	40.09	Wexford	40,799	39.11	41,164	40.33
MID-WESTERN					TOTAL	146,836	37.55	147,534	38.50
Clare	30,962	32.97	31,949	35.14	SOUTHERN				
Limerick	55,177	33.44	55,027	33.98	Cork	139,370	33.16	138,114	33.66
Tipperary N.R.	20,822	35.93	21,180	36.61	Kerry	46,993	37.41	47,620	39.07
TOTAL	106,961	33.75	108,156	34.81	TOTAL	186,363	34.12	185,734	34.90
NORTH EASTERN					WESTERN				
Cavan	22,030	42.67	22,621	42.85	Galway	73,724	39.09	73,474	40.74
Louth	39,821	43.21	39,465	43.50	Mayo	55,910	50.19	56,138	50.71
Meath	38,645	33.33	41,101	39.01	Roscommon	23,638	45.56	23,456	45.20
Monaghan	22,497	43.88	22,905	44.66	TOTAL	153,272	43.56	153,068	44.63
TOTAL	122,993	40.40	126,092	42.01	NATIONAL	1,252,385	34.59%	1,277,055	35.65%

Note: (i) *The population figures for each county are taken from the Census of Population 1996. The Official C.S.O. estimate of population at 31st December 1996 is 3,621,035. (1995 - 3,582,000)

(ii) Average number of eligible persons in 1996 was 1,263,646 on 748,809 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 1996																	
	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	13,893	12,980	26,873	34,898	33,315	68,213	48,254	66,784	115,038	28,205	34,507	62,712	27,254	52,854	80,108	152,504	200,440	352,944
Midland	2,801	2,674	5,475	7,989	7,692	15,681	12,169	14,318	26,487	6,742	7,666	14,408	7,456	10,940	18,396	37,157	43,290	80,447
Mid-Western	3,381	3,320	6,701	9,958	9,469	19,427	15,231	17,658	32,889	9,628	10,436	20,064	10,980	16,900	27,880	49,178	57,783	106,961
North Eastern	3,836	3,667	7,503	11,968	11,673	23,641	19,040	22,077	41,117	10,275	11,701	21,976	11,594	17,162	28,756	56,713	66,280	122,993
North Western	3,138	2,882	6,020	10,435	9,961	20,396	15,121	16,209	31,330	10,022	9,877	19,899	10,767	14,157	24,924	49,483	53,086	102,569
South Eastern	4,866	4,571	9,437	14,031	13,579	27,610	22,525	26,726	49,251	13,293	14,513	27,806	13,161	19,571	32,732	67,876	78,960	146,836
Southern	5,808	5,579	11,387	16,143	15,562	31,705	27,319	32,322	59,641	16,385	18,425	34,810	18,947	29,873	48,820	84,602	101,761	186,363
Western	4,727	4,656	9,383	14,218	13,399	27,617	22,771	25,505	48,276	14,517	14,537	29,054	16,394	22,548	38,942	72,627	80,645	153,272

NATIONAL	42,450	40,329	82,779	119,640	114,650	234,290	182,430	221,599	404,029	109,067	121,662	230,729	116,553	184,005	300,558	570,140	682,245	1,252,385
% OF ELIGIBLE PERSONS	3.4%	3.2%	6.6%	9.6%	9.2%	18.7%	14.6%	17.7%	32.3%	8.7%	9.7%	18.4%	9.3%	14.7%	24.0%	45.5%	54.5%	100.00%

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

As at 31st December 1996 (1995 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	114 (116)	110 (108)	170 (169)	79 (82)	41 (43)	4 (10)
Midland	11 (8)	16 (17)	32 (35)	33 (30)	7 (7)	- -
Mid-Western	14 (17)	23 (22)	71 (71)	27 (27)	6 (7)	- -
North Eastern	9 (11)	12 (8)	39 (37)	52 (49)	13 (19)	- -
North Western	10 (9)	10 (12)	44 (36)	30 (36)	16 (15)	1 (1)
South Eastern	19 (17)	30 (28)	93 (93)	31 (31)	16 (15)	- (1)
Southern	40 (46)	56 (57)	116 (108)	45 (51)	10 (9)	1 -
Western	24 (25)	36 (33)	80 (77)	48 (51)	6 (7)	2 (1)
NATIONAL	241 (249)	293 (285)	645 (626)	345 (357)	115 (122)	8 (13)

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

Health Board	1996	1995
	£	£
Eastern	24,167,977	23,416,936
Midland	6,492,048	6,212,657
Mid-Western	8,340,897	7,995,579
North Eastern	9,012,886	8,730,804
North Western	8,301,878	7,940,437
South Eastern	11,595,106	11,322,475
Southern	14,640,799	14,189,854
Western	12,617,411	12,094,461
NATIONAL	£95,169,002	£91,903,203

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	
	1996	1995	1996	1995	1996	1995	1996	1995	1996	1995
Eastern	19,906	22,043	11,125	9,828	5,376	5,139	24,369	24,742	60,776	61,752
Midland	6,643	6,422	2,387	2,241	3,111	2,973	7,038	6,852	19,179	18,488
Mid-Western	8,001	7,834	4,139	3,771	2,045	1,661	5,832	6,223	20,017	19,489
North Eastern	4,297	4,648	3,636	3,545	2,918	993	5,106	4,823	15,957	14,009
North Western	4,348	4,180	9,699	8,970	1,935	996	8,313	7,941	24,295	22,087
South Eastern	7,686	7,320	5,705	5,224	2,819	2,259	11,902	11,770	28,112	26,573
Southern	11,200	9,540	11,803	10,939	2,497	2,411	16,673	16,253	42,173	39,143
Western	12,732	11,375	8,650	7,904	2,454	2,349	10,795	11,297	34,631	32,925
NATIONAL	74,813	73,362	57,144	52,422	23,155	18,781	90,028	89,901	245,140	234,466

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	
	1996 £	1995 £	1996 £	1995 £	1996 £	1995 £	1996 £	1995 £	1996 £	1995 £
Eastern	132,031	145,444	145,717	126,488	78,898	74,222	536,747	534,136	893,393	880,290
Midland	44,700	42,699	31,142	28,508	44,036	40,685	167,040	159,869	286,918	271,761
Mid-Western	61,582	55,440	54,452	48,175	31,527	24,700	139,766	144,297	287,327	272,612
North Eastern	32,706	35,735	48,159	45,947	43,207	16,125	120,313	111,306	244,385	209,113
North Western	29,218	27,104	129,211	118,167	29,684	15,341	205,656	189,444	393,769	350,056
South Eastern	53,791	48,848	74,845	67,812	42,549	34,033	278,588	269,557	449,773	420,250
Southern	81,292	66,365	155,555	141,875	36,905	35,095	395,711	376,568	669,463	619,903
Western	91,350	79,489	113,717	101,444	36,777	34,755	265,426	271,289	507,270	486,977
NATIONAL	£526,670	£501,124	£752,798	£678,416	£343,583	£274,956	£2,109,247	£2,056,466	£3,732,298	£3,510,962

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

Type of Service	Number of Claims		Cost of Claims	
	1996	1995	1996	1995
			£	£
(i) Excisions: Warts, Verruca etc.	42,334	39,836	593,178	547,059
(ii) Suturing: Cuts and Lacerations	20,808	20,396	291,643	281,409
(iii) Hydroceles: Draining of	806	804	11,296	11,196
(iv) Haemorrhages: Dental/Nasal	1,285	1,325	18,031	18,402
(v) Veins: Recognised treatment	215	248	3,021	3,397
(vi) E.C.G.: Tests and interpretation	19,817	18,993	277,462	261,207
(vii) Diaphragm: Instruction in the fitting of	615	644	8,619	8,879
(viii) Eye: Removal of Adherent foreign body	4,750	4,556	66,619	63,139
(ix) Ear/Nose/Throat Removal of foreign body	5,111	4,723	71,687	65,323
(x) Nebuliser: Treatment in the case of acute asthmatic attack	32,739	31,842	686,271	655,439
(xi) Bladder: Catheterization	3,149	2,890	66,206	59,585
(xii) Case Conference: Convened by Health Board D.C.C	458	359	14,044	10,899
TOTAL	132,087	126,553	£2,108,077	£1,985,934

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

NATIONAL								
1996 (1995 in brackets).								
Doctors with panels of:-	Visiting Rate:-*							
	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 (1)	
250-499	-	1 (2)	- (1)	5 (6)	2 (1)	1 (-)	-	
500-999	- (1)	1 (2)	5 (6)	3 (4)	4 (3)	1 (2)	-	
1000-1499	-	1 (1)	- (1)	-	3 (2)	-	-	
1500-1999	2 (1)	1 (2)	-	- (1)	1 (-)	-	-	
2000-2499	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
2500 and over	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
TOTAL	2 (2)	5 (8)	5 (8)	8 (12)	11 (7)	2 (2)	1 (1)	

Note: (i) The overall visiting rate in 1996 of the doctors who continued on a fee-per-item of service contract was 10.15(Surgery: 9.03 Domiciliary: 1.12):
(1995 - Total : 8.90 Surgery : 7.90 Domiciliary 1.00).

(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	33.44	31.37	32.44	29.36	28.70	29.04	90.72	96.31	93.95	214.08	204.26	208.68	297.60	267.67	277.84	130.59	144.06	138.23
Midland	34.82	33.57	34.22	30.76	30.27	30.52	81.52	85.60	83.72	202.88	185.29	193.51	295.51	265.88	277.89	133.71	137.73	135.88
Mid-Western	37.44	40.14	38.78	32.03	32.41	32.22	86.84	91.57	89.37	207.20	185.69	195.96	277.18	243.79	256.96	140.72	142.77	141.83
North Eastern	33.41	31.33	32.40	30.48	29.05	29.78	71.54	79.85	75.97	209.89	186.60	197.46	299.20	268.06	280.61	131.61	136.04	133.99
North Western	32.98	29.50	31.33	23.83	24.72	24.27	59.88	71.10	65.73	160.31	159.03	159.67	262.46	239.84	249.60	116.98	123.23	120.23
South Eastern	40.61	35.27	38.02	31.37	30.55	30.97	73.30	80.86	77.41	176.46	177.20	176.85	270.22	244.81	254.99	121.52	129.05	125.58
Southern	42.20	38.89	40.59	34.70	36.48	35.57	78.07	84.15	81.35	192.24	185.25	188.53	269.65	237.17	247.76	132.74	138.05	135.64
Western	43.79	36.93	40.35	31.80	28.48	30.18	78.52	81.15	79.92	165.64	164.94	165.27	259.47	242.77	249.80	128.33	132.67	130.62

NATIONAL	£36.86	£34.15	£35.54	£30.56	£30.06	£30.32	£79.72	£86.42	£83.39	£193.20	£185.32	£189.04	£279.32	£252.74	£263.05	£129.56	£137.20	£133.72
% OF NATIONAL AVERAGE	27.57%	25.54%	26.58%	22.85%	22.48%	22.67%	59.62%	64.63%	62.36%	144.48%	138.59%	141.37%	208.88%	189.01%	196.72%	96.89%	102.60%	100.00%

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

Health Board	Number of Forms		Number of Items		Items Per Form	
	1996	1995	1996	1995	1996	1995
Eastern	2,714,382	2,757,451	5,750,727	5,730,245	2.12	2.08
Midland	611,366	610,071	1,261,660	1,239,195	2.06	2.03
Mid-Western	819,323	823,957	1,764,381	1,747,664	2.15	2.12
North Eastern	863,073	862,751	1,815,442	1,778,479	2.10	2.06
North Western	599,363	588,446	1,224,034	1,184,346	2.04	2.01
South Eastern	1,062,220	1,068,334	2,118,487	2,099,824	1.99	1.97
Southern	1,489,961	1,483,160	3,121,164	3,056,522	2.09	2.06
Western	1,000,615	996,633	2,074,818	2,042,591	2.07	2.05
NATIONAL	9,160,303	9,190,803	19,130,713	18,878,866	2.09	2.05

Table 16.1 G.M.S. : Payment to Pharmacists in respect of prescriptions

Health Board	Cost		Cost per Form		Cost per Item		Ingredient Cost per Item	
	1996 £	1995 £	1996 £	1995 £	1996 £	1995 £	1996 £	1995 £
Eastern	49,656,567	47,232,798	18.29	17.13	8.63	8.24	6.68	6.35
Midland	10,551,474	9,848,234	17.26	16.14	8.36	7.95	6.43	6.07
Mid-Western	14,730,672	13,956,379	17.98	16.94	8.35	7.99	6.42	6.11
North Eastern	16,040,264	14,899,698	18.59	17.27	8.84	8.38	6.91	6.50
North Western	10,938,336	10,016,625	18.25	17.02	8.94	8.46	6.99	6.57
South Eastern	17,344,515	16,609,430	16.33	15.55	8.19	7.91	6.23	6.00
Southern	25,001,929	23,554,137	16.78	15.88	8.01	7.71	6.07	5.83
Western	18,206,978	17,122,184	18.20	17.18	8.78	8.38	6.84	6.50
NATIONAL	£162,470,735	£153,239,485	£17.74	£16.69	£8.49	£8.12	£6.55	£6.23

Table 16.2 G.M.S. : Number of Items on Prescription Forms

Prescription forms having:-	1996		1995	
	No of Forms	% of Total	No of Forms	% of Total
One Item	4,497,924	49.10%	4,544,306	49.44%
Two Items	2,202,539	24.04%	2,237,628	24.35%
Three Items	1,098,175	11.99%	1,094,880	11.91%
Four Items	605,124	6.61%	586,618	6.38%
Five Items	347,663	3.80%	334,131	3.64%
Six Items	207,255	2.26%	192,480	2.09%
Seven Items	112,389	1.23%	102,109	1.11%
Eight or more Items	89,234	0.97%	98,651	1.07%

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

Health Board	1996		1995	
	No. of Doctors	No. of Persons	No. of Doctors	No. of Persons
Eastern	2	553	2	654
Midland	20	7,182	20	6,927
Mid-Western	22	7,689	19	7,200
North Eastern	22	6,601	22	6,410
North Western	48	26,785	38	24,043
South Eastern	41	16,159	44	17,666
Southern	24	3,076	25	2,656
Western	45	26,224	45	24,408
NATIONAL	224	94,269	215	89,964

** 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:-	
	1996	1995
	£	£
Eastern	2,980,858	2,840,994
Midland	616,002	599,029
Mid-Western	895,896	836,111
North Eastern	929,452	854,819
North Western	626,121	589,314
South Eastern	1,048,306	1,005,499
Southern	1,470,598	1,399,397
Western	1,096,000	1,025,082
NATIONAL	£9,663,233	£9,150,245

* 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 Pencillin 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 varodilator properties. It is gived 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 arrythmias.
CIMETIDINE AND RANITIDINE	These drugs are Histamine H2 - 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 Aspirin	546,630	2.84	526,576	0.40
2 Salbutamol (Inhaled)	541,853	2.81	2,565,023	1.97
3 Amoxycillin	528,485	2.74	1,706,487	1.31
4 Diazepam	321,369	1.67	220,462	0.17
5 Diclofenac (Systemic)	303,914	1.58	2,786,014	2.14
6 Digoxin	302,130	1.57	207,361	0.16
7 Mefenamic Acid	291,205	1.51	960,987	0.74
8 Prednisolone (Systemic)	288,694	1.50	193,007	0.15
9 Beclomethasone (Inhaled)	272,676	1.42	3,879,154	2.98
10 Frusemide with K-Sparing Agents	264,277	1.37	1,120,292	0.86
11 Amoxycillin with Enzyme Inhibitor	257,567	1.34	1,886,104	1.45
12 Atenolol	239,065	1.24	1,287,715	0.99
13 Dextropropoxyphene Combs. excl Psycholeptics	230,881	1.20	301,412	0.23
14 Temazepam	221,450	1.15	441,401	0.34
15 Cimetidine	215,926	1.12	1,923,654	1.48
16 Ampicillin	215,108	1.12	331,246	0.25
17 Frusemide	210,096	1.09	215,420	0.17
18 Captopril	208,956	1.09	3,096,145	2.38
19 Nifedipine	207,580	1.08	2,216,721	1.70
20 Paracetamol Combs. excl Psycholeptics	201,605	1.05	656,947	0.50
21 Bendrofluazide with K	193,029	1.00	197,139	0.15
22 Thyroxine Sodium	186,424	0.97	36,706	0.03
23 Ibuprofen	178,662	0.93	675,493	0.52
24 Lactulose	175,326	0.91	674,139	0.52
25 Omeprazole	169,086	0.88	6,154,256	4.72
26 Warfarin	165,785	0.86	208,751	0.16
27 Theophylline	164,692	0.86	757,015	0.58
28 Carbocisteine	159,785	0.83	602,937	0.46
29 Alginic Acid	157,927	0.82	599,458	0.46
30 Isosorbide Mononitrate	157,755	0.82	1,743,407	1.34
31 Thioridazine	154,545	0.80	340,507	0.26
32 Flurazepam	154,529	0.80	431,500	0.33
33 Glyceril Trinitrate	145,126	0.75	1,188,678	0.91
34 Dothiepin	137,997	0.72	621,490	0.48
35 Ranitidine	129,601	0.67	3,315,739	2.54
TOTAL	8,299,736	43.10%	£44,069,343	33.81%

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	6,154,256	4.72	169,086	0.88
2 Beclomethasone (Inhaled)	3,879,154	2.98	272,676	1.42
3 Clinical Nutritional Products	3,847,838	2.95	113,227	0.59
4 Ranitidine	3,315,739	2.54	129,601	0.67
5 Captopril	3,096,145	2.38	208,956	1.09
6 Ostomy/Urinary Requisites	2,995,985	2.30	54,676	0.28
7 Diclofenac (Systemic)	2,786,014	2.14	303,914	1.58
8 Salbutamol (Inhaled)	2,565,023	1.97	541,853	2.81
9 Budesonide (Inhaled)	2,448,943	1.88	68,181	0.35
10 Nifedipine	2,216,721	1.70	207,580	1.08
11 Cimetidine	1,923,654	1.48	215,926	1.12
12 Fluoxetine	1,913,607	1.47	85,141	0.44
13 Amoxicillin with Enzyme Inhibitor	1,886,104	1.45	257,567	1.34
14 Isosorbide Mononitrate	1,743,407	1.34	157,755	0.82
15 Amoxicillin	1,706,487	1.31	528,485	2.74
16 Paroxetine	1,650,270	1.27	71,968	0.37
17 Amlodipine	1,513,834	1.16	90,797	0.47
18 Pravastatin	1,476,184	1.13	54,477	0.28
19 Diltiazem	1,330,299	1.02	105,140	0.55
20 Atenolol	1,287,715	0.99	239,065	1.24
21 Ipratropium Bromide (Inhaled)	1,224,462	0.94	60,878	0.32
22 Glyceryl Trinitrate	1,188,678	0.91	145,126	0.75
23 Frusemide with K-Sparing Agents	1,120,292	0.86	264,277	1.37
24 Diagnostic Products	1,080,916	0.83	79,433	0.41
25 Lansoprazole	972,364	0.75	34,435	0.18
26 Mefenamic Acid	960,987	0.74	291,205	1.51
27 Sertraline	890,156	0.68	23,331	0.12
28 Risperidone	874,377	0.67	10,063	0.05
29 Somatropin	835,691	0.64	1,208	0.01
30 Theophylline	757,015	0.58	164,692	0.86
31 Clarithromycin	719,518	0.55	45,931	0.24
32 Lamotrigine	681,446	0.52	11,800	0.06
33 Ibuprofen	675,493	0.52	178,662	0.93
34 Lactulose	674,139	0.52	175,326	0.91
35 Lisinopril	669,666	0.51	46,801	0.24
TOTAL	£63,062,579	48.38%	5,409,239	28.09%

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 Aspirin	79,427	3.87	72,277	0.31
2 Salbutamol (Inhaled)	71,169	3.47	417,186	1.76
3 Omeprazole	50,227	2.45	2,103,853	8.90
4 Prednisolone (Systemic)	42,483	2.07	30,377	0.13
5 Beclomethasone (Inhaled)	42,050	2.05	815,572	3.45
6 Captopril	36,686	1.79	630,557	2.67
7 Nifedipine	28,041	1.37	333,017	1.41
8 Diclofenac (Systemic)	27,695	1.35	303,034	1.28
9 Atenolol	27,324	1.33	167,013	0.71
10 Budesonide (Inhaled)	27,031	1.32	993,243	4.20
11 Warfarin	26,829	1.31	33,034	0.14
12 Pravastatin	26,407	1.29	823,489	3.48
13 Theophylline	24,405	1.19	126,587	0.54
14 Glycerol Trinitrate	24,243	1.18	212,170	0.90
15 Frusemide with K-Sparing Agents	23,270	1.13	110,502	0.47
16 Ranitidine	23,255	1.13	638,857	2.70
17 Isosorbide Mononitrate	23,218	1.13	272,072	1.15
18 Frusemide	23,198	1.13	30,919	0.13
19 Digoxin	22,804	1.11	16,218	0.07
20 Diltiazem	20,842	1.02	274,817	1.16
21 Amlodipine	18,837	0.92	321,045	1.36
22 Clinical Nutritional Products	18,835	0.92	444,761	1.88
23 Ostomy/Urinary Requisites	18,087	0.88	736,079	3.11
24 Fluticasone (Inhaled)	18,079	0.88	702,386	2.97
25 Amoxicillin with Enzyme Inhibitor	17,273	0.84	138,935	0.59
26 Diazepam	17,254	0.84	16,791	0.07
27 Paracetamol Combs. excl Psycholeptics	16,994	0.83	74,596	0.32
28 Paroxetine	16,678	0.81	423,344	1.79
29 Temazepam	16,270	0.79	35,621	0.15
30 Alginate Acid	15,853	0.77	59,857	0.25
31 Thyroxine Sodium	15,124	0.74	3,461	0.01
32 Fluoxetine	14,842	0.72	378,076	1.60
33 Mefenamic Acid	14,665	0.71	63,933	0.27
34 Salmeterol	14,570	0.71	411,430	1.74
35 Terbutaline (Inhaled)	14,454	0.70	141,055	0.60
TOTAL	918,419	44.74%	£12,356,164	52.24%

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	2,103,853	8.90	50,227	2.45
2 Budesonide (Inhaled)	993,243	4.20	27,031	1.32
3 Pravastatin	823,489	3.48	26,407	1.29
4 Beclomethasone (Inhaled)	815,572	3.45	42,050	2.05
5 Ostomy/Urinary Requisites	736,079	3.11	18,087	0.88
6 Fluticasone (Inhaled)	702,386	2.97	18,079	0.88
7 Ranitidine	638,857	2.70	23,255	1.13
8 Captopril	630,557	2.67	36,686	1.79
9 Clinical Nutritional Products	444,761	1.88	18,835	0.92
10 Paroxetine	423,344	1.79	16,678	0.81
11 Salbutamol (Inhaled)	417,186	1.76	71,169	3.47
12 Salmeterol	411,430	1.74	14,570	0.71
13 Fluoxetine	378,076	1.60	14,842	0.72
14 Sertraline	339,091	1.43	7,985	0.39
15 Nifedipine	333,017	1.41	28,041	1.37
16 Simvastatin	322,217	1.36	10,626	0.52
17 Amlodipine	321,045	1.36	18,837	0.92
18 Diclofenac (Systemic)	303,034	1.28	27,695	1.35
19 Azathioprine	284,563	1.20	8,705	0.42
20 Diltiazem	274,817	1.16	20,842	1.02
21 Isosorbide Mononitrate	272,072	1.15	23,218	1.13
22 Ipratropium Bromide (Inhaled)	240,225	1.02	10,988	0.54
23 Glycerol Trinitrate	212,170	0.90	24,243	1.18
24 Mesalazine	208,565	0.88	5,272	0.26
25 Doxazosin	208,005	0.88	9,128	0.44
26 Lansoprazole	181,113	0.77	5,607	0.27
27 Cimetidine	167,700	0.71	13,196	0.64
28 Atenolol	167,013	0.71	27,324	1.33
29 Captopril and Diuretics	160,994	0.68	7,373	0.36
30 Enalapril	155,510	0.66	11,261	0.55
31 Lisinopril	144,611	0.61	9,671	0.47
32 Terbutaline (Inhaled)	141,055	0.60	14,454	0.70
33 Amoxycillin with Enzyme Inhibitor	138,935	0.59	17,273	0.84
34 Clarithromycin	137,341	0.58	7,545	0.37
35 Theophylline	126,587	0.54	24,405	1.19
TOTAL	£14,358,513	60.71%	711,605	34.67%

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 Diagnostic Products	95,116	13.09	1,657,918	16.60
2 Needles/Syringes/Lancets	52,195	7.18	415,470	4.16
3 Metformin	44,158	6.08	107,742	1.08
4 Carbamazepine	38,732	5.33	270,413	2.71
5 Insulins Fast-Acting	34,051	4.69	591,788	5.92
6 Gliclazide	32,522	4.48	265,205	2.65
7 Sodium Valproate	30,070	4.14	271,899	2.72
8 Phenytoin	29,412	4.05	67,170	0.67
9 Insulins Intermediate-Acting	26,842	3.69	524,545	5.25
10 Glibenclamide	25,119	3.46	164,806	1.65
11 Insulins Inter-Acting Rapid Onset of Effect	23,043	3.17	611,795	6.12
12 Clinical Nutritional Products	19,590	2.70	874,915	8.76
13 Dressings	15,086	2.08	44,483	0.45
14 Phenobarbitone	14,328	1.97	26,636	0.27
15 Insulins Long-Acting	12,306	1.69	213,123	2.13
16 Levodopa with Decarboxylase Inhibitor	10,996	1.51	172,309	1.72
17 Pancreatic Enzymes	8,476	1.17	434,160	4.35
18 Lamotrigine	7,051	0.97	362,418	3.63
19 Amoxicillin with Enzyme Inhibitor	5,043	0.69	53,197	0.53
20 Selegiline	5,035	0.69	158,065	1.58
21 Evening Primrose Oil (Naudicelle)	4,569	0.63	93,636	0.94
22 Glucagon	4,076	0.56	28,544	0.29
23 Chlorpropamide	4,055	0.56	7,921	0.08
24 Aspirin	3,860	0.53	3,611	0.04
25 Tocopherol Vitamin E	3,674	0.51	22,685	0.23
26 Salbutamol (Inhaled)	3,547	0.49	24,086	0.24
27 Primidone	3,332	0.46	5,534	0.06
28 Ostomy/Urinary Requisites	3,301	0.45	107,839	1.08
29 Acarbose	3,259	0.45	42,906	0.43
30 Captopril	3,131	0.43	46,280	0.46
31 Flucloxacillin	3,126	0.43	60,044	0.60
32 Vigabatrin	3,092	0.43	159,200	1.59
33 Baclofen	3,053	0.42	44,105	0.44
34 Diazepam	3,048	0.42	8,199	0.08
35 Colistin (Systemic)	2,931	0.40	187,005	1.87
TOTAL	581,225	80.01%	£8,129,652	81.38%

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 Diagnostic Products	1,657,918	16.60	95,116	13.09
2 Clinical Nutritional Products	874,915	8.76	19,590	2.70
3 Insulins Inter-Acting Rapid Onset of Effect	611,795	6.12	23,043	3.17
4 Insulins Fast-Acting	591,788	5.92	34,051	4.69
5 Insulins Intermediate-Acting	524,545	5.25	26,842	3.69
6 Pancreatic Enzymes	434,160	4.35	8,476	1.17
7 Needles/Syringes/Lancets	415,470	4.16	52,195	7.18
8 Lamotrigine	362,418	3.63	7,051	0.97
9 Sodium Valproate	271,899	2.72	30,070	4.14
10 Carbamazepine	270,413	2.71	38,732	5.33
11 Gliclazide	265,205	2.65	32,522	4.48
12 Insulins Long-Acting	213,123	2.13	12,306	1.69
13 Colistin (Systemic)	187,005	1.87	2,931	0.40
14 Levodopa with Decarboxylase Inhibitor	172,309	1.72	10,996	1.51
15 Glibenclamide	164,806	1.65	25,119	3.46
16 Vigabatrin	159,200	1.59	3,092	0.43
17 Selegiline	158,065	1.58	5,035	0.69
18 Tolrestat	115,437	1.16	1,713	0.24
19 Ostomy/Urinary Requisites	107,839	1.08	3,301	0.45
20 Metformin	107,742	1.08	44,158	6.08
21 Evening Primrose Oil (Naudicelle)	93,636	0.94	4,569	0.63
22 Gabapentin	92,225	0.92	1,606	0.22
23 Phenytoin	67,170	0.67	29,412	4.05
24 Desmopressin	64,096	0.64	1,923	0.26
25 Flucloxacillin	60,044	0.60	3,126	0.43
26 Ceftazidime	54,161	0.54	154	0.02
27 Amoxicillin with Enzyme Inhibitor	53,197	0.53	5,043	0.69
28 Bromocriptine	51,892	0.52	1,792	0.25
29 Captopril	46,280	0.46	3,131	0.43
30 Dressings	44,483	0.45	15,086	2.08
31 Baclofen	44,105	0.44	3,053	0.42
32 Acarbose	42,906	0.43	3,259	0.45
33 Omeprazole	42,160	0.42	1,024	0.14
34 Ciprofloxacin	41,998	0.42	950	0.13
35 Pergolide	40,060	0.40	598	0.08
TOTAL	£8,504,465	85.13%	551,065	75.86%

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	1,965,617	10.21	21,256,425	16.31
A01	Stomatological Preparations	69,280	0.36	185,572	0.14
A02	Antacids, Drugs for Treatment of Peptic Ulcer and Flatulence	870,765	4.52	14,247,563	10.93
A03	Antispasmodic and Anticholinergic Agents and Propulsives	221,255	1.15	1,038,462	0.80
A04	Anti-emetics and Antinauseants	1,975	0.01	286,683	0.22
A05	Bile and Liver Therapy	3,287	0.02	89,942	0.07
A06	Laxatives	275,740	1.43	1,171,661	0.90
A07	Antidiarrhoeals, Intestinal Anti-inflammatory/ Anti-infective Agents	144,671	0.75	971,775	0.75
A08	Anti-obesity Preparations excluding Diet Products	14,346	0.07	64,730	0.05
A09	Digestives, including Enzymes	4,945	0.03	328,546	0.25
A10	Drugs Used in Diabetes	287,471	1.49	2,477,974	1.90
A11	Vitamins	27,741	0.14	291,930	0.22
A12	Mineral Supplements	39,539	0.21	46,729	0.04
A14	Anabolic Agents for Systemic Use	4,602	0.02	54,858	0.04
B	Blood and Blood Forming Organs	566,402	2.78	3,083,433	2.37
B01	Antithrombotic Agents	188,678	0.98	366,674	0.28
B02	Antihaemorrhagics	5,274	0.03	44,196	0.03
B03	Anti-anemic Preparations	290,743	1.51	519,251	0.40
B04	Serum Lipid Reducing Agents	81,491	0.42	2,152,138	1.65
B05	Plasma Substitutes and Perfusion Solutions	168	-----	948	-----
B06	Other Haematological Agents	48	-----	226	-----

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A.T.C. Class	Product Category	Prescribing Frequency	% of Scheme Total	Ingredient Cost £	% of Scheme Total
C	Cardiovascular System	3,616,987	18.78	25,411,414	19.50
C01	Cardiac Therapy	723,835	3.76	4,046,998	3.11
C02	Antihypertensives	128,619	0.67	1,154,118	0.89
C03	Diuretics	1,079,804	5.61	2,730,451	2.09
C04	Peripheral Vasodilators	70,605	0.37	922,439	0.71
C05	Vasoprotectives	80,481	0.42	376,671	0.29
C07	Beta Blocking Agents	571,503	2.97	3,557,304	2.73
C08	Calcium Channel Blockers	493,953	2.57	5,884,693	4.52
C09	Renin - Angiotensin System	468,187	2.43	6,738,740	5.17
D	Dermatologicals	795,659	4.13	3,459,801	2.65
D01	Antifungals for Dermatological Use	155,702	0.81	697,575	0.54
D02	Emollients and Protectives	1,330	0.01	1,485	0.00
D03	Preparations for treatment of Wounds & Ulcers	1,197	0.01	26,051	0.02
D04	Antipruritics, including Antihistamines, Anaesthetics, etc.	11,045	0.06	22,901	0.02
D05	Antipsoriatics	18,504	0.10	309,679	0.24
D06	Antibiotics and Chemotherapeutics for Dermatological Use	124,580	0.65	549,085	0.42
D07	Corticosteroids, Dermatological Preparations	433,943	2.25	1,322,384	1.01
D09	Medicated Dressings	9,599	0.05	66,133	0.05
D10	Anti-Acne Preparations	36,556	0.19	418,712	0.32
D11	Other Dermatological Preparations	3,203	0.02	45,796	0.04
G	Genito Urinary System	1,000,108	5.19	3,775,323	2.90
G01	Gynaecological Anti-infectives and Antiseptics	38,349	0.20	166,715	0.13
G02	Other Gynaecologicals	855	----	11,214	----
G03	Sex Hormones	884,966	4.60	2,589,565	1.99
G04	Urologicals	75,938	0.39	1,007,829	-0.77

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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	554,508	2.88	1,618,483	1.24
H01	Pituitary and Hypothalamic Hormones	6,420	0.03	1,116,375	0.86
H02	Corticosteroids for Systemic Use	334,965	1.74	384,983	0.30
H03	Thyroid Therapy	210,741	1.09	84,807	0.07
H04	Pancreatic Hormones	2,233	0.01	17,215	0.01
H05	Calcium Homeostasis	149	----	15,103	0.01
J	General Anti-infectives for Systemic Use	1,934,209	10.05	10,011,615	7.68
J01	Antibacterials for Systemic Use	1,904,290	9.89	9,146,701	7.02
J02	Antimycotics for Systemic Use	18,379	0.10	281,559	0.22
J04	Antimycobacterials	2,885	0.01	31,665	0.02
J05	Antivirals for Systemic Use	6,958	0.04	544,746	0.42
J07	Vaccines (Tetanus Only)	1,697	0.01	6,944	0.01
L	Antineoplastic and Immunomodulating Agents	97,409	0.51	2,882,761	2.21
L01	Cytostatics	20,505	0.11	108,682	0.08
L02	Endocrine Therapy	60,446	0.31	2,025,459	1.55
L03	Immunomodulating Agents	695	----	273,552	0.21
L04	Immunosuppressive Agents	15,763	0.08	475,068	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	1,338,616	6.95	9,370,192	7.19
M01	Anti-inflammatory and Antirheumatic Products	1,077,066	5.59	7,688,012	5.90
M02	Topical Products for Joint and Muscular Pain	169,935	0.88	902,400	0.69
M03	Muscle Relaxants	28,892	0.15	234,872	0.18
M04	Antigout Preparations	58,590	0.30	336,573	0.26
M05	Drugs for treatment of Bone Diseases	4,133	0.02	208,335	0.16
N	Nervous System	4,416,748	22.94	21,697,013	16.65
N01	Anaesthetics	1,998	0.01	5,819	-----
N02	Analgesics	1,350,069	7.01	4,058,626	3.11
N03	Anti-epileptics	275,127	1.43	2,262,683	1.74
N04	Anti-Parkinson Drugs	161,239	0.84	1,165,787	0.89
N05	Psycholeptics	1,917,165	9.96	6,433,240	4.94
N06	Psychoanaleptics	638,074	3.31	7,082,552	5.43
N07	Other Nervous System Drugs	73,076	0.38	688,306	0.53
P	Antiparasitic Products	109,224	0.57	430,829	0.33
P01	Antiprotozoals	34,583	0.18	119,873	0.09
P02	Anthelmintics	16,745	0.09	40,168	0.03
P03	Ectoparasiticides, incl. Scabicides, Insectides and Repellants	57,896	0.30	270,788	0.21

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A.T.C. Class	Product Category	Prescribing Frequency	% of Scheme Total	Ingredient Cost £	% of Scheme Total
R	Respiratory System	1,994,343	10.36	16,434,567	12.61
R01	Nasal Preparations	84,765	0.44	536,365	0.41
R03	Anti-asthmatics	1,565,411	8.13	14,685,691	11.27
R05	Cough and Cold Preparations	196,523	1.02	730,546	0.56
R06	Antihistamines for Systemic Use	146,205	0.76	450,926	0.35
R07	Other Respiratory System Products	1,439	0.01	31,039	0.02
S	Sensory Organs	500,670	2.60	1,879,534	1.44
S01	Ophthalmologicals	425,431	2.21	1,680,787	1.29
S02	Otologicals	34,742	0.18	120,368	0.09
S03	Ophthalmological and Otological Preparations	40,497	0.21	78,379	0.06
V	Various	364,902	1.84	9,024,175	6.92
V03	Medicinal Products	4,602	0.02	80,697	0.06
V04	Diagnostic Products	79,433	0.41	1,080,916	0.83
V06	Clinical Nutritional Products	113,227	0.59	3,847,838	2.95
V07	Non-Medicinal Products	141,118	0.73	3,839,380	2.95
Z01	(e.g. Ostomy/Urinary, Dressings, Needles and Syringes) Miscellaneous	26,522	0.14	175,344	0.13
TOTAL		19,255,402	100.00%	£130,335,565	100.00%

Table 21

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

Health Board	Average Panel Ranges in 1996													
	0-100		101-250		251-500		501-1,000		1,001-1,500		1,501-2,000		2,001 and Over	
	£		£		£		£		£		£		£	
Eastern	2,805	(31)	12,615	(74)	24,268	(100)	47,732	(168)	78,866	(78)	102,370	(45)	130,086	(4)
Midland	4,377	(3)	17,701	(5)	33,558	(16)	59,623	(32)	88,005	(31)	108,489	(7)	--	
Mid-Western	11,583	(3)	14,682	(10)	30,062	(22)	56,513	(73)	86,035	(25)	113,501	(6)	--	
North Eastern	3,299	(2)	15,900	(4)	22,694	(8)	57,760	(34)	84,280	(52)	110,231	(15)	--	
North Western	5,564	(3)	12,396	(5)	31,042	(11)	57,282	(34)	90,474	(32)	124,945	(16)	132,366	(1)
South Eastern	3,495	(6)	15,520	(7)	29,780	(29)	57,892	(91)	85,283	(31)	120,503	(16)	--	
Southern	3,018	(9)	14,598	(28)	28,397	(54)	56,208	(111)	88,986	(48)	117,951	(9)	131,474	(1)
Western	9,210	(6)	14,287	(17)	28,422	(30)	62,232	(74)	93,545	(48)	132,962	(8)	162,233	(1)
NATIONAL	£4,151	(63)	£13,698	(150)	£27,399	(270)	£55,229	(617)	£86,126	(345)	£112,314	(122)	£135,202	(7)

Note: (i) Only doctors in the Scheme for the full year 1996 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

1996 (1995 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	52 (59)	77 (74)	68 (76)	50 (56)	62 (63)	42 (41)	46 (41)	13 (19)	29 (26)	26 (29)	22 (18)	8 (11)	4 (1)	- (1)	1 (1)
Midland	3 (4)	4 (6)	9 (9)	5 (2)	9 (11)	13 (16)	11 (7)	8 (12)	13 (9)	8 (8)	4 (5)	6 (5)	1 -	- (1)	-
Mid-Western	3 (5)	10 (9)	16 (17)	13 (9)	13 (18)	23 (24)	25 (19)	12 (10)	6 (10)	7 (8)	6 (3)	2 (3)	1 -	1 (2)	1 -
North Eastern	3 (5)	4 (5)	4 (6)	8 (3)	4 (8)	13 (14)	14 (14)	10 (15)	22 (12)	14 (14)	12 (13)	4 (5)	2 (1)	- (1)	1 -
North Western	4 (5)	5 (6)	6 (5)	7 (6)	9 (11)	8 (10)	11 (12)	12 (11)	9 (8)	5 (4)	6 (10)	7 (3)	7 (8)	3 (2)	3 (2)
South Eastern	8 (6)	8 (7)	14 (13)	18 (17)	27 (30)	18 (14)	22 (22)	18 (26)	17 (15)	12 (9)	7 (6)	4 (4)	1 (3)	4 (3)	2 (1)
Southern	15 (18)	30 (37)	30 (29)	21 (19)	27 (28)	39 (33)	36 (36)	16 (15)	15 (16)	11 (15)	8 (6)	6 (6)	2 -	3 (3)	1 (1)
Western	6 (13)	22 (16)	12 (17)	11 (8)	20 (25)	15 (12)	23 (26)	21 (15)	13 (15)	16 (16)	8 (9)	6 (6)	3 (2)	4 (7)	4 (2)
NATIONAL	94 (115)	160 (160)	159 (172)	133 (120)	171 (194)	171 (164)	188 (177)	110 (123)	124 (111)	99 (103)	73 (70)	43 (43)	21 (15)	15 (20)	13 (7)

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

1996 (1995 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	72 (77)	71 (84)	66 (74)	55 (54)	27 (21)	13 (16)	11 (7)	5 (7)	3 (2)	4 (5)	4 -	- (3)	1 -
Midland	3 (2)	7 (11)	12 (14)	14 (14)	14 (12)	8 (7)	1 (2)	2 (1)	-	-	-	-	-
Mid-Western	8 (8)	20 (23)	28 (30)	21 (21)	9 (9)	5 (4)	3 (3)	1 -	1 (1)	-	-	1 -	- (1)
North Eastern	5 (6)	17 (20)	21 (22)	21 (17)	10 (10)	7 (8)	4 (3)	2 (1)	1 (1)	1 (2)	1 (1)	1 -	-
North Western	4 (6)	10 (12)	8 (10)	12 (11)	9 (8)	7 (5)	2 (3)	4 (4)	1 -	2 (2)	1 -	-	-
South Eastern	9 (11)	21 (24)	30 (33)	29 (26)	17 (19)	5 (4)	2 (4)	1 -	1 (1)	1 (1)	-	-	-
Southern	14 (18)	42 (49)	39 (44)	34 (25)	12 (13)	11 (11)	5 (6)	5 (5)	2 -	2 (1)	-	-	-
Western	10 (7)	23 (28)	30 (33)	17 (12)	10 (11)	12 (14)	4 (3)	4 (6)	1 -	-	1 (1)	-	-
NATIONAL	125 (135)	211 (251)	234 (260)	203 (180)	108 (103)	68 (69)	32 (31)	24 (24)	10 (5)	10 (11)	7 (2)	2 (3)	1 (1)

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	28,170	12,919	881,435	19.25	16,968,195	1,313.38	12,595,195	974.90
Midland	2,677	1,541	99,587	18.35	1,827,889	1,186.43	1,301,823	844.97
Mid-Western	10,774	4,123	233,637	18.75	4,379,563	1,062.23	3,108,842	754.02
North Eastern	4,664	2,243	143,538	19.45	2,791,271	1,244.44	2,027,099	903.74
North Western	3,837	1,585	108,296	20.32	2,201,055	1,388.75	1,651,788	1,042.19
South Eastern	5,141	2,905	188,641	19.39	3,657,493	1,258.93	2,671,300	919.47
Southern	12,295	4,964	297,419	18.33	5,452,494	1,098.52	3,871,270	779.95
Western	4,102	1,563	100,183	20.01	2,004,333	1,282.09	1,461,261	934.71
NATIONAL 1996	71,660	31,843	2,052,736	£19.14	£39,282,293	£1,233.62	£28,688,578	£900.93
NATIONAL 1995	60,111	26,287	1,690,155	£18.47	£31,222,767	£1,187.75	£22,527,189	£856.96

Note: * As at 31st December 1996.

Table 23.1 D.C.S. : Number of Pharmacists in Dispensing Fee/Mark-Up Ranges

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 and over
Eastern	170	99	44	13	5	2	1	-
Midland	45	15	2	-	-	-	-	-
Mid-Western	59	19	14	1	1	1	1	-
North Eastern	63	23	5	-	-	-	-	-
North Western	39	11	5	4	-	-	-	-
South Eastern	84	23	5	1	-	-	-	-
Southern	118	31	12	2	2	-	-	-
Western	95	14	1	-	1	-	-	-
NATIONAL	673	235	88	21	9	3	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 3.1. Expenses necessarily incurred by pharmacies in providing this service are not separately identified in the agreed scale.

(iii) The above figures do not include the monthly co-payment of £32 paid by the patient to the pharmacist.

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	31,329	9,636	313,291	24.11	7,554,812	784.03
Midland	2,161	1,144	32,690	23.90	781,294	683.10
Mid-Western	3,646	1,635	46,606	21.78	1,015,197	620.79
North Eastern	3,756	1,800	64,479	23.15	1,492,920	829.44
North Western	2,845	1,120	38,517	23.68	912,044	814.39
South Eastern	4,754	2,436	72,018	24.54	1,767,634	725.51
Southern	10,730	3,256	106,007	24.57	2,604,284	799.96
Western	4,984	1,788	52,857	28.47	1,504,604	841.46
NATIONAL 1996	64,205	22,815	726,465	£24.27	£17,632,789	£772.87
NATIONAL 1996	60,754	21,741	690,913	£23.55	£16,273,391	£748.56

Note: * As at 31st December 1996.

Table 24.1 L.T.I.. : Number of Pharmacists in Dispensing Fee/Mark-Up Ranges

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 and over
Eastern	257	67	10	-	-	-	-
Midland	59	2	-	-	-	-	-
Mid-Western	92	5	-	-	-	-	-
North Eastern	81	9	2	-	-	-	-
North Western	55	3	-	-	-	1	-
South Eastern	101	12	-	-	-	-	-
Southern	144	19	2	-	-	-	-
Western	108	2	-	1	-	-	-
NATIONAL	897	119	14	1	-	1	-

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 3.1. Expenses necessarily incurred by pharmacies in providing this service are not separately identified in the agreed scale.

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

Health Board	Number of Items	Cost per Item	Total Cost
		£	£
Eastern	10,786	9.84	106,161
Midland	2,560	10.62	27,197
Mid-Western	4,692	9.87	46,288
North Eastern	4,744	11.10	52,680
North Western	10,895	10.61	115,593
South Eastern	6,239	10.19	63,568
Southern	12,391	10.30	127,589
Western	9,476	10.49	99,449
NATIONAL 1996	61,783	£10.33	£638,525
NATIONAL 1995	57,557	£9.77	£562,429

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

Health Board	Emergency	Above the Line	Below the Line	Dentures	Total
Eastern	47,821	7,793	1,107	2,139	58,860
Midland	12,675	5,614	543	1,031	19,863
Mid-Western	15,271	5,821	598	1,978	23,668
North Eastern	14,571	3,364	578	1,806	20,319
North Western	10,226	3,176	474	1,187	15,063
South Eastern	22,434	4,803	716	1,253	29,206
Southern	31,530	19,964	1,971	2,762	56,227
Western	16,896	7,519	795	2,128	27,338
NATIONAL 1996	171,424	58,054	6,782	14,284	250,544
NATIONAL 1995	143,647	30,310	4,036	16,067	194,060

Table 26.1 D.T.S. : Number of Dentists in Payment Ranges

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	125	34	20	12	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Midland	9	12	9	3	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Mid-Western	18	18	6	5	3	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
North Eastern	29	14	6	6	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
North Western	6	9	3	7	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
South Eastern	35	16	16	2	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
Southern	67	44	18	9	1	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
Western	19	8	8	5	2	1	-	1	-	1	-	-	1
NATIONAL	308	155	86	49	10	4	1	2	-	1	1	-	1

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

(ii) The fees payable to dentists are shown in Appendix 4. Expenses necessarily incurred by dentists in providing this service are not separately identified in the agreed scale.

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

Health Board	1996	1995
	£	£
Eastern	1,122,752	437,386
Midland	311,506	110,911
Mid-Western	227,230	447,561
North Eastern	318,176	238,442
North Western	1,298,766	360,947
South Eastern	799,124	542,197
Southern	1,001,129	669,020
Western	464,185	522,606
NATIONAL	£5,542,868	£3,329,070

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

The 1996 figures include an amount of £84,465 paid from the Educational and Research Fund for training and education.

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	35.34	34.49	37.23	36.38	40.01	39.16	42.74	41.90	46.15	45.31
5 - 15	20.52	20.77	21.32	21.53	22.46	22.69	23.56	23.79	24.97	25.18
16 - 44	26.22	42.83	27.23	43.85	28.71	45.34	30.17	46.79	31.99	48.61
45 - 64	52.31	57.48	54.75	49.92	58.33	63.49	61.84	67.04	66.24	71.40
65 and over	55.11	61.50	61.85	68.24	71.87	78.25	81.71	88.08	93.91	100.29

SUPPLEMENTARY OUT-OF-HOURS PAYMENT:- (per person per annum)	£1.71	Late	Outside Normal Hours	
			Urban	£11.44
			Up to 3 miles	£11.44
OUT-OF-HOURS PAYMENT:- SURGERY	£21.42		3 - 5 miles	£14.79
			5 - 7 miles	£19.27
			7 - 10 miles	£25.60
			over 10 miles	£30.04
DOMICILIARY			Night	Midnight to 8.00 a.m.
Up to 3 miles	£21.42		Urban	£22.44
3 - 5 miles	£28.55		Up to 3 miles	£22.44
5 - 7 miles	£32.12		3 - 5 miles	£28.85
7 - 10 miles	£35.70		5 - 7 miles	£36.48
over 10 miles	£42.82		7 - 10 miles	£40.69
Additional Fee	£16.70		over 10 miles	£44.73
SPECIAL ITEMS OF SERVICE:-			EMERGENCY FEE	£6.50
(i) to (ix)	£14.28		E.E.A. RESIDENTS	£6.72
(x) and (xi)	£21.42		RURAL DISPENSING FEE	£6.51
(xii)	£35.70		FEE FOR SECOND MEDICAL OPINION	£14.28
+ Mileage				
TEMPORARY RESIDENTS:-			PRACTICE PAYMENTS FOR RURAL AREAS	
SURGERY CONSULTATIONS			Rural Practice Allowance Per Annum	£7,138.00
Day Normal Hours	£5.93		PRACTICE SUPPORT	
Late Outside Normal Hours other than (Night)	£8.42		Allowance for Practice Secretary	Per Annum £8,567.00
Night Midnight to 8.00 a.m.	£16.70		Allowance for Practice Nurse	Per Annum £14,276.00
DOMICILIARY CONSULTATIONS			CONTRIBUTIONS TO LOCUM EXPENSES	
Day Normal Hours			(Subject to the conditions of the agreement)	
Urban	£8.76		Annual Leave	
Up to 3 miles	£8.76		Sick Leave - up to a maximum of £571.00 per week	
3 - 5 miles	£11.44		Study Leave	
5 - 7 miles	£15.38		Maternity Leave - up to a maximum of £83.00 per day	
7 - 10 miles	£19.27		CONTRIBUTIONS TO MEDICAL INDEMNITY INSURANCE	
Over 10 miles	£24.09		Calculation of contribution is related to G.M.S. panel numbers and nett premium	

**FEES AND ALLOWANCES UNDER THE FEE-PER-ITEM AGREEMENT
AS AT 31ST DECEMBER 1996**

SURGERY CONSULTATIONS		£
Day	Normal Hours	£5.90
Late	Outside Normal Hours other than (Night)	£8.38
Night	Midnight to 8.00 a.m.	£16.61
DOMICILIARY CONSULTATIONS		
Day	Normal Hours	
	Urban	£8.71
	Up to 3 miles	£8.71
	3-5 miles	£11.39
	5-7 miles	£15.31
	7-10 miles	£19.19
	Over 10 miles	£23.99
Late	Outside Normal Hours	
	Urban	£11.39
	Up to 3 miles	£11.39
	3-5 miles	£14.74
	5-7 miles	£19.19
	7-10 miles	£25.49
	Over 10 miles	£25.49
Night	Midnight to 8.00 a.m.	
	Urban	£22.35
	Up to 3 miles	£22.35
	3-5 miles	£28.71
	5-7 miles	£36.32
	7-10 miles	£40.52
	Over 10 miles	£44.51
EMERGENCY FEE / E.E.A. FEE		£6.45
DISPENSING FEE		£6.45
RURAL PRACTITIONERS ALLOWANCE		Per Annum £3,801.00
LOCUM AND PRACTICE EXPENSE ALLOWANCE		Per Annum £740.00
SESSIONAL RATE - HOMES FOR THE AGED		
Per 3 Hour Session		£39.50

**SCALE OF FEES PAYABLE TO PARTICIPATING PHARMACISTS
AS AT 31ST DECEMBER 1996**

		As at
G.M.S. / D.T.S. SCHEMES		31.12.96
STANDARD FEE-PER-ITEM	(NOTE 1)	p 167.78
EXTEMPORANEOUS FEE		335.56
EXTEMPORANEOUS DISPENSING AND COMPOUNDING OF		
	-Powders	1006.68
	-Ointments and Creams	671.12
CONTROLLED DRUGS		269.28
PHASED DISPENSING - each part of phased dispensing		167.78
NON-DISPENSING - Exercise of professional judgement		167.78
URGENT/LATE DISPENSING:		
Additional fee for Urgent/Late dispensing other than between midnight and 8.00 a.m. (NOTE 2)		465.40
Additional fee for Urgent/Late dispensing between midnight and 8.00 a.m.		960.16
REPEAT PRESCRIPTIONS:		
Each part of Repeat Set		59.00
NOTE 1:		
139.47p basic fee and 28.31p 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.		

D.C.S/L.T./E.E.A Visitors Schemes /Health (Amendment) Act 1996

Reimbursement of ingredient cost, 50% Mark-up on ingredient cost and Standard Fee - 152.00p (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.

High Tech Scheme

Patient Care Fee: £28.75 per month

**LIST OF FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE DENTAL TREATMENT SERVICES SCHEME
AS AT 31ST DECEMBER 1996**

APPENDIX 4

TREATMENT TYPE	ROUTINE £	EMERGENCY £	FULL DENTURE £
Oral Examination	17.30	-	17.30
Prophylaxis	16.20	-	-
Restoration (Amalgam)	16.20	29.15	-
Restoration (Composite) 6 anterior teeth only	25.90	38.90	-
Exodontics (Extraction under local anaesthetic)	19.45	30.25	-
Surgical Extraction - Max 3 units:			
Fee payable for first 15 minute unit	18.35	29.15	-
Fee payable for 2nd and 3rd 15 minute unit.	18.35	18.35	-
Apicectomy / Amputation of Roots	*Dentist Estimate	-	-
Endodontics (First stage - Emergency)	*Dentist Estimate	43.20	-
Protracted Periodontal Treatment	*Dentist Estimate	-	-
Radiographs -			
1 Film	12.95	-	-
2 or more Films	19.50	-	-
Panoramic	21.60	-	-
Miscellaneous -			
(e.g. Biopsy, Haemorrhage, Dressings etc.)	10.80	-	-
Dry Socket / Haemorrhage (Emergency)	-	10.80	-
Acute Gum Condition	-	16.20	-
Prosthetics -			
Full Upper or Lower Denture (Other than Edentulous persons)	162.00	-	-
Partial Upper or Lower Acrylic Denture	118.80	-	-
Complete Upper or Lower Reline	64.80	-	-
Complete Upper and Lower Reline	108.00	-	-
Denture Repairs			
1st Item of Repair	23.70	23.70	-
Each Subsequent Item	7.60	7.60	-
Maximum	38.90	38.90	-
Full Upper and Lower Denture (Edentulous Persons Only)	-	-	237.60
Full Upper or Lower Denture (Edentulous Persons Only)	-	-	162.00

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.

From the 1st June 1996 fees paid in respect of second or subsequent items of emergency treatment provided on the same occasion are paid at the routine rate.

FEES TO DOCTORS UNDER IMMUNISATION SCHEME
AND HEALTH (AMENDMENT) ACT 1996.

	As at 31.12.96
<u>IMMUNISATION FEES</u>	
Normal Payment :-	
(i) Registration of child with a G.P.	£15.46
(ii) Complete course of immunisation against DPT/DT; Hib; Polio and MMR	£51.51
(iii) 95% uptake bonus	£15.46
<u>HEALTH (AMENDMENT) ACT 1996</u>	
Surgery Fee	£18.00
Domiciliary Fee	£24.00