

June 2025: DDA Board Meeting update



Operational costs: The DDA is working with GPCE on a weighted solution to compensate dispensing GPs for the employer NIC increase.

NHS England: The DDA will raise awareness of the implications of a move to central delivery of flu vaccines. The DDA has also set out the following priorities for the forthcoming GP contract negotiations:

- A change to the dispensing fee, so that it covers the cost of dispensing and is increased by inflationary annually. There should be an annual fee per patient, rather than a monthly fee per item.
- The reimbursement system should ensure that no practice should be dispensing at a loss. There should be a small margin, to allow for judicious purchasing, and to help drive down NHS costs.
- IT funding should provide enough resource to allow for development of IT. This could be provided centrally, or via the fee scale to allow for the purchase of appropriate kit.
- DSQS has not changed since 2006. Funding needs to be increased, and the specification improved to reflect modern practice.

Wales: Work by the DDA has resulted in the inclusion of dispensing practices within the Senedd Cymru Health and Social Care Committee inquiry: [The future of general practice in Wales](#). The BMA has also published a document on dispensing GP profitability, produced by the DDA, available [online](#)

Financial support: The DDA actively works with suppliers to support the financial sustainability of dispensing practice through the following manufacturer schemes. See DDA [Best Practice Group](#) for more details

- Fortisip compact protein

The meeting was attended by GPC deputy chair Dr Julius Parker.