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Dear Colleague

End of Year reconciliation 2016 - 2017

I am writing to advise you of how we wish to reflect the performer list issues in our handling of the 16/17 contract management process.

Following discussion with dental commissioning leads, we have taken the decision that no breaches will be issued on the sole basis of contract under performance.

Whilst we are very sorry for the impact of Performer List delays on dental businesses, NHS England as a public body has responsibility to ensure that tax payer's money is appropriately spent. NHS England is not liable for financial losses to business, however we wish to ameliorate where possible the impact on dental services.

We have therefore issued interim policy and guidance that enables NHS England commissioners at a local level to manage dental contracts flexibly. This is to mitigate the impacts upon those dental practices that have been unable to fulfil their contracted units of dental activity as a result of the performer's list delays.

Should your practice have been affected by a significant delay in recruitment (e.g. a delay of more than 16 weeks) then you may apply to carry forward under used UDAs for delivery in 17/18.

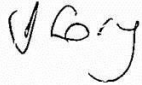
As this will be deemed to be carry forward activity, contractors must provide assurance that they have an action plan, detailing how additional activity will be delivered ensuring that there is no detrimental effect to normal contractual activity.

Under delivery in 17/18 of any UDAs carried forward, will be subject to clawback which must be repaid back in full by 31 March 2018.

If you have been affected by a delay of a performer list application of > 16 weeks and would like to apply to roll forward any 16/17 under delivery, please complete the attached template and return to your local office no later than 31 May 2017.

Tolerance for over delivery will remain at 102%.

Yours Sincerely,



Julia Cory
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Practice Name:

Contract number:

Name of performer	
Date of application	
Date performer added to performer list	
Mitigating actions taken as a result of delays	
Estimated UDAs lost post first 16 weeks Up to a max of 7000 per FTE	

Please confirm:

Full carry forward

Yes/No

Full clawback

Yes/No

Combination of above

Carry forwardUDAs

Clawback remainder