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To: NHS Trust Chief Executives  
Cc: CCG Accountable Officers & Clinical Leads  
CSU Managing Directors

Dear Colleague,

### **Patient Reported Outcomes Measures**

For 2016/17 and beyond, it remains a NHS Standard Contract Requirement for all providers of NHS-funded hip replacements, knee replacements, varicose vein surgery and groin hernia procedures to collect and submit PROMS data to the Health and Social Care Information Centre (HSCIC).

As part of the contracts between CCGs and independent or NHS providers, it has been a requirement that you must use the Patient Questionnaire Framework (PQF) to procure collection of your PROMS data from an accredited supplier, who then complies with Health and Social Care Information Centre requirements to be able to submit the PROMS data.

This letter is to inform you that the PQF is due to expire on **21 June 2016**. However, contracts, or contract extensions, for the collection of PROMS data after this date, can still be awarded under the terms of the existing framework **provided that the contract is awarded before the framework expires - i.e. by 21 June 2016 at the latest**. So, it is possible to negotiate and procure a contract for 2016/17 PROMS data collections, provided it is awarded by 21 June 2016.

NHS England is currently working with colleagues in its Commercial Team and the HSCIC to ensure that alternative options are available once the PQF expires in June and further details about this will be made available as soon as possible.

If you have any queries about this, please email [england.proms@nhs.net](mailto:england.proms@nhs.net).

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Dan Wellings', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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