**Better Care Fund 2016/17**

**Revised Template S 75 Agreement and Explanatory Memorandum**

In the light of the experience of the use in practice of the 2015/16 template documents, and the development to the Better Care fund for 2016/17 we have revised the template Better Care Fund S.75 Agreement and the explanatory memorandum. We have also added a pro-forma variation agreement to enable areas where the existing agreement is continuing but requires amendment to meet the requirements of the 16/17 plan, and any other locally agreed changes.

The key areas where there are changes as follows:

* We have made changes to the risk share arrangements to make it clearer that the partners need to have agreed at the start what happens in the case of overspends and underspends. We have seen instances where particular schemes within the local plan have not progressed, and issues have arisen over what happens to the money allocated for those purposes.
* We have also reflected the changes from the payment for performance regime to a more flexible set of arrangements depending on the need for the local health and social care economy to provide for money to be held back.
* We have clarified the use of language around different types of commissioning, and the fact that individual schemes may have different commissioning regimes. This also links to being clearer in the s.75 Agreement about what commissioning models the partners are adopting.
* Updating for the changes in the national guidance.
* There are also some more technical drafting changes to reflect the fact this will be a successor agreement to last year's document.
* We would also encourage Partners to consider how the governance arrangements and assurance and review frameworks worked for 2015/2016 and to include any agreed changes.