

Timetable Item (applicable to all bodies unless specifically referenced)	Date
Planning Guidance published	22 September 2016
Technical Guidance issued	22 September 2016
Commissioner Finance templates issued (commissioners only)	22 September 2016
Draft NHS Standard Contract and national CQUIN scheme guidance published	22 September 2016
National Tariff draft prices issued	22 September 2016
Provider control totals and STF allocations published	30 September 2016
Commissioner allocations published	21 October 2016
NHS Standard Contract consultation closes	21 October 2016
Submission of STPs	21 October 2016
National Tariff section 118 consultation documents issued	31 October 2016 ¹
Final CCG and specialised services CQUIN scheme guidance issued	4 November 2016 ²
Provider finance, workforce and activity templates issued with related Technical Guidance (providers only)	1 November 2016
Submission of summary level 2017/18 to 2018/19 operational financial plans (commissioners only)	1 November 2016 (noon)
Commissioners (CCGs and direct commissioners) to issue initial contract offers that form a reasonable basis for negotiations to providers	4 November 2016
Final NHS Standard Contract published	4 November 2016
National Tariff section 118 consultation opens	9 November 2016 ³
Providers to respond to initial offers from commissioners (CCGs and direct commissioners)	11 November 2016 ⁴
Submission of full draft 2017/18 to 2018/19 operational plans	24 November 2016 (noon)
Weekly contract tracker to be submitted by CCGs, direct commissioners and Providers	Weekly from: 21/22 November 2016 to 30/31 January 2017
Where CCG or direct commissioning contracts not signed and contract signature deadline of 23 December at risk, local decisions to enter mediation	5 December 2016
Contract mediation	5 – 23 December 2016
National Tariff section 118 consultation closes	6 December 2016 ⁵
National Tariff section 118 consultation results announced	w/c 12 December 2016
Publish National Tariff	20 December 2016 ⁵
National deadline for signing of contracts	23 December 2016
Final contract signature date for CCG and direct commissioners for avoiding arbitration	23 December 2016
Submission of final 2017/18 to 2018/19 operational plans, aligned with Contracts	23 December 2016
Final plans approved by Boards or governing bodies of providers and Commissioners	By 23 December 2016
Submission of joint arbitration paperwork by CCGs, direct commissioners and providers where contracts not signed	By 9 January 2017
Arbitration outcomes notified to CCGs, direct commissioners and providers	Within two working days after panel date
Contract and schedule revisions reflecting arbitration findings completed and signed by both parties	By 31 January 2017

¹ The first set of documents that make up the s 118 National Tariff consultation were published on the 31 October. The remaining documents were published on the 8 November, and the statutory consultation period commenced on the 9 November. The consultation period closes on the 6 December.

² The final CQUIN and Prescribed Specialised Services CQUIN guidance were published on 4 November rather than 31 October as included in the original timetable.

³ See footnote 1 above.

⁴ Row 16 footnote: The date 4 November for 'Providers to respond to initial offers from commissioners (CCGs and direct commissioners)' was incorrect. It has been corrected to 11 November.

⁵ See footnote 1 above.

⁶ The National Tariff publication date is dependent upon the completion of a 28-day consultation period.