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2018/19
Particulars (Shorter Form)
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DATE OF CONTRACT	
SERVICE COMMENCEMENT DATE	
CONTRACT TERM	[] years/months commencing [] [(or as extended in accordance with Schedule 1C)]
COMMISSIONERS	[] (ODS [])
CO-ORDINATING Commissioner	[]
PROVIDER	[] (ODS []) Principal and/or registered office address: [] [Company number: []]

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CONTRACT

This Contract records the agreement between the Commissioners and the Provider and comprises

1. the **Particulars**;
2. the **Service Conditions (Shorter Form)**;
3. the **General Conditions (Shorter Form)**,

as completed and agreed by the Parties and as varied from time to time in accordance with GC13 (*Variations*).

IN WITNESS OF WHICH the Parties have signed this Contract on the date(s) shown below

SIGNED by

.....
Signature

**[INSERT AUTHORISED SIGNATORY'S NAME] for
and on behalf of
[INSERT COMMISSIONER NAME]**

.....
Title

.....
Date

[INSERT AS ABOVE FOR EACH COMMISSIONER]

SIGNED by

.....
Signature

**[INSERT AUTHORISED SIGNATORY'S NAME] for
and on behalf of
[INSERT PROVIDER NAME]**

.....
Title

.....
Date

SERVICE COMMENCEMENT AND CONTRACT TERM	
Effective Date	[The date of this Contract] [or as specified here]
Expected Service Commencement Date	
Longstop Date	
Service Commencement Date	
Contract Term	[] years/months commencing [] [(or as extended in accordance with Schedule 1C)]
Option to extend Contract Term	YES / NO
Notice Period (for termination under GC17.2)	[] months
SERVICES	
Service Categories	Indicate <u>all</u> that apply
Continuing Healthcare Services (CHC)	
Community Services (CS)	
Diagnostic, Screening and/or Pathology Services (D)	
End of Life Care Services (ELC)	
Mental Health and Learning Disability Services (MH)	
Patient Transport Services (PT)	
Service Requirements	
Essential Services (NHS Trusts only)	YES/NO
PAYMENT	
Does any Service have a Local Price?	YES/NO
Does any Service have a National Price or National Currency?	YES/NO
Expected Annual Contract Value Agreed	YES / NO
GOVERNANCE AND REGULATORY	
Provider's Nominated Individual	[] Email: [] Tel: []

Provider's Information Governance Lead	[] Email: [] Tel: []
Provider's Caldicott Guardian	[] Email: [] Tel: []
Provider's Senior Information Risk Owner	[] Email: [] Tel: []
Provider's Accountable Emergency Officer	[] Email: [] Tel: []
Provider's Safeguarding Lead	[] Email: [] Tel: []
Provider's Child Sexual Abuse and Exploitation Lead	[] Email: [] Tel: []
Provider's Mental Capacity and Deprivation of Liberty Lead	[] Email: [] Tel: []
Provider's Freedom To Speak Up Guardian	[] Email: [] Tel: []
CONTRACT MANAGEMENT	
Addresses for service of Notices	Co-ordinating Commissioner: [] Address: [] Email: [] Commissioner: [] Address: [] Email: [] Provider: [] Address: [] Email: []
Commissioner Representative(s)	[] Address: [] Email: [] Tel: []
Provider Representative	[] Address: [] Email: [] Tel: []

SCHEDULE 1 – SERVICE COMMENCEMENT AND CONTRACT TERM

A. Conditions Precedent

The Provider must provide the Co-ordinating Commissioner with the following documents and complete the following actions:

- | |
|---|
| <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Evidence of appropriate Indemnity Arrangements2. [Evidence of CQC registration (where required)]3. [Evidence of Monitor's Licence (where required)]4. [Insert text locally as required] |
|---|

C. Extension of Contract Term

To be included only in accordance with NHS Standard Contract Technical Guidance.

1. [As advertised to all prospective providers during the competitive tendering exercise leading to the award of this Contract], the Commissioners may opt to extend the Contract Term by [] months/year(s).
2. If the Commissioners wish to exercise the option to extend the Contract Term, the Co-ordinating Commissioner must give written notice to that effect to the Provider no later than [] months before the original Expiry Date.
3. The option to extend the Contract Term may be exercised:
 - 3.1 only once, and only on or before the date referred to in paragraph 2 above;
 - 3.2 only by all Commissioners; and
 - 3.3 only in respect of all Services
4. If the Co-ordinating Commissioner gives notice to extend the Contract Term in accordance with paragraph 2 above, the Contract Term will be extended by the period specified in that notice and the Expiry Date will be deemed to be the date of expiry of that period.

Or

NOT USED

SCHEDULE 2 – THE SERVICES

A. Service Specifications

[Insert text locally as required]

B. Indicative Activity Plan

Insert text locally in respect of one or more Contract Years, or state Not Applicable

D. Essential Services (NHS Trusts only)

Insert text locally or state Not Applicable

G. Other Local Agreements, Policies and Procedures

Insert details / web links as required or state Not Applicable

J. Transfer of and Discharge from Care Policies

[Insert text locally as required or state Not applicable]

K. Safeguarding Policies and Mental Capacity Act Policies

[Insert text locally as required]

SCHEDULE 3 – PAYMENT

A. Local Prices

Insert template in respect of any departure from an applicable national currency; insert text and/or attach spreadsheets or documents locally

B. Local Variations

For each Local Variation which has been agreed for this Contract, copy or attach the completed publication template required by NHS Improvement (available at: <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/nhs-providers-and-commissioners-submit-locally-determined-prices-to-monitor>) – or state Not Applicable. Additional locally-agreed detail may be included as necessary by attaching further documents or spreadsheets.

Insert template; insert any additional text and/or attach spreadsheets or documents locally – or state Not Applicable

C. Local Modifications

For each Local Modification Agreement (as defined in the National Tariff) which applies to this Contract, copy or attach the completed submission template required by NHS Improvement (available at: <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/nhs-providers-and-commissioners-submit-locally-determined-prices-to-monitor>). For each Local Modification application granted by NHS Improvement, copy or attach the decision notice published by NHS Improvement. Additional locally-agreed detail may be included as necessary by attaching further documents or spreadsheets.

Insert template; insert any additional text and/or attach spreadsheets or documents locally – or state Not Applicable

F. Expected Annual Contract Values

Insert text locally (for one or more Contract Years) or state Not Applicable

SCHEDULE 4 – QUALITY REQUIREMENTS

A. Operational Standards and National Quality Requirements

Ref	Operational Standards/National Quality Requirements	Threshold	Method of Measurement	Consequence of breach	Timing of application of consequence	Applicable Service Category
E.B.4	<i>Percentage of Service Users waiting 6 weeks or more from Referral for a diagnostic test*</i>	<i>Operating standard of no more than 1%</i>	<i>Review of Service Quality Performance Reports</i>	<i>Where the number of Service Users waiting for 6 weeks or more at the end of the month exceeds the tolerance permitted by the threshold, £200 in respect of each such Service User above that threshold</i>	<i>Monthly</i>	<i>CS D</i>
E.B.S.3	Care Programme Approach (CPA): The percentage of Service Users under adult mental illness specialties on CPA who were followed up within 7 days of discharge from psychiatric in-patient care*	Operating standard of 95%	Review of Service Quality Performance Reports	Where the number of Service Users in the Quarter not followed up within 7 days exceeds the tolerance permitted by the threshold, £200 in respect of each such Service User above that threshold	Quarterly	MH
	Duty of candour	Each failure to notify the Relevant Person of a suspected or actual Notifiable Safety Incident in accordance with Regulation 20 of the 2014 Regulations	Review of Service Quality Performance Reports	Recovery of the cost of the episode of care, or £10,000 if the cost of the episode of care is unknown or indeterminate	Monthly	All

Ref	Operational Standards/National Quality Requirements	Threshold	Method of Measurement	Consequence of breach	Timing of application of consequence	Applicable Service Category
	Completion of a valid NHS Number field in mental health commissioning data sets submitted via SUS, as defined in Contract Technical Guidance	99%	Review of Service Quality Performance Reports	Where the number of breaches in the month exceeds the tolerance permitted by the threshold, £10 in respect of each excess breach above that threshold	Monthly	MH
	Completion of Mental Health Minimum Data Set ethnicity coding for all detained and informal Service Users, as defined in Contract Technical Guidance	Operating standard of 90%	Review of Service Quality Performance Reports	Where the number of breaches in the month exceeds the tolerance permitted by the threshold, £10 in respect of each excess breach above that threshold	Monthly	MH
	Completion of IAPT Minimum Data Set outcome data for all appropriate Service Users, as defined in Contract Technical Guidance	Operating standard of 90%	Review of Service Quality Performance Reports	Where the number of breaches in the month exceeds the tolerance permitted by the threshold, £10 in respect of each excess breach above that threshold	Monthly	MH
E.H.4	Early Intervention in Psychosis programmes: the percentage of Service Users experiencing a first episode of psychosis who commenced a NICE-concordant package of care within two weeks of referral	For the period 1 April 2017 to 31 March 2018, operating standard of 50%. From 1 April 2018, operating standard of 53%	Review of Service Quality Performance Reports	Issue of Contract Performance Notice and subsequent process in accordance with GC9	Quarterly	MH
E.H.1	Improving Access to Psychological Therapies	Operating standard of 75%	Review of Service Quality Performance	Issue of Contract Performance Notice and subsequent process	Quarterly	MH

Ref	Operational Standards/National Quality Requirements	Threshold	Method of Measurement	Consequence of breach	Timing of application of consequence	Applicable Service Category
	(IAPT) programmes: the percentage of Service Users referred to an IAPT programme who are treated within six weeks of referral		Reports	in accordance with GC9		
E.H.2	Improving Access to Psychological Therapies (IAPT) programmes: the percentage of Service Users referred to an IAPT programme who are treated within 18 weeks of referral	Operating standard of 95%	Review of Service Quality Performance Reports	Issue of Contract Performance Notice and subsequent process in accordance with GC9	Quarterly	MH

In respect of the Operational Standard shown in ***bold italics*** the provisions of SC36.27A apply.

*(as further described in *Technical Guidance for Commissioners*, available at <https://www.england.nhs.uk/ourwork/futurenhs/deliver-forward-view/>)

SCHEDULE 4 – QUALITY REQUIREMENTS

C. Local Quality Requirements

Quality Requirement	Threshold	Method of Measurement	Consequence of breach	Timing of application of consequence	Applicable Service Specification
Insert text and/or attach spreadsheet or documents locally					

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SCHEDULE 4 – QUALITY REQUIREMENTS

D. Commissioning for Quality and Innovation (CQUIN)

CQUIN Table 1: CQUIN Indicators

Insert completed CQUIN template spreadsheet(s) in respect of one or more Contract Years or state Not Applicable

CQUIN Table 2: CQUIN Disapplications

Insert completed template (available via CQUIN Guidance) and insert any additional text and/or attach spreadsheets or documents locally in respect of one or more Contract Years - or state Not Applicable

SCHEDULE 6 – CONTRACT MANAGEMENT, REPORTING AND INFORMATION REQUIREMENTS

A. Reporting Requirements

	Reporting Period	Format of Report	Timing and Method for delivery of Report
National Requirements Reported Centrally			
1. As specified in the list of omnibus, secure electronic file transfer data collections and BAAS schedule of approved collections published on the NHS Digital website to be found at http://digital.nhs.uk/article/5073/Central-Register-of-Collections where mandated for and as applicable to the Provider and the Services	As set out in relevant Guidance	As set out in relevant Guidance	As set out in relevant Guidance
National Requirements Reported Locally			
1. Activity and Finance Report (<i>note that, if appropriately designed, this report may also serve as the reconciliation account to be sent by the Provider under SC36.12</i>)	[For local agreement, not less than quarterly]	[For local agreement]	[For local agreement]
2. Service Quality Performance Report, detailing performance against Operational Standards, National Quality Requirements, Local Quality Requirements, Never Events and the duty of candour	[For local agreement, not less than quarterly]	[For local agreement]	[For local agreement]
3. CQUIN Performance Report and details of progress towards satisfying any Quality Incentive Scheme Indicators, including details of all Quality Incentive Scheme Indicators satisfied or not satisfied	[For local agreement]	[For local agreement]	[For local agreement]
4. Complaints monitoring report, setting out numbers of complaints received and including analysis of key themes in content of complaints	[For local agreement, not less than annually]	[For local agreement]	[For local agreement]
5. Summary report of all incidents requiring reporting	[For local agreement, not less than annually]	[For local agreement]	[For local agreement]
Local Requirements Reported Locally			
Insert as agreed locally*			

* In completing this section, the Parties should, where applicable, consider the change requirements for local commissioning patient-level data flows which will need to be implemented when the new national Data Services for Commissioners technical solution becomes operational. These change requirements will be published within the *Data Services for Commissioners Resources* webpage: <https://www.england.nhs.uk/ourwork/tsd/data-services/>

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SCHEDULE 6 – CONTRACT MANAGEMENT, REPORTING AND INFORMATION REQUIREMENTS

C. Incidents Requiring Reporting Procedure

Procedure(s) for reporting, investigating, and implementing and sharing Lessons Learned from: (1) Serious Incidents (2) Notifiable Safety Incidents (3) Other Patient Safety Incidents

Insert text locally

SCHEDULE 7 – PENSIONS

Insert text locally (template drafting available via <http://www.england.nhs.uk/nhs-standard-contract/>) or state Not Applicable

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SCHEDULE 8 – TUPE*

1. The Provider must comply and must ensure that any Sub-Contractor will comply with their respective obligations under TUPE and COSOP in relation to any persons who transfer to the employment of the Provider or that Sub-Contractor by operation of TUPE and/or COSOP as a result of this Contract or any Sub-Contract, and that the Provider or the relevant Sub-Contractor (as appropriate) will ensure a smooth transfer of those persons to its employment. The Provider must indemnify and keep indemnified the Commissioners and any previous provider of services equivalent to the Services or any of them before the Service Commencement Date against any Losses in respect of:
 - 1.1 any failure by the Provider and/or any Sub-Contractor to comply with its obligations under TUPE and/or COSOP in connection with any relevant transfer under TUPE and/or COSOP;
 - 1.2 any claim by any person that any proposed or actual substantial change by the Provider and/or any Sub-Contractor to that person's working conditions or any proposed measures on the part of the Provider and/or any Sub-Contractor are to that person's detriment, whether that claim arises before or after the date of any relevant transfer under TUPE and/or COSOP to the Provider and/or Sub-Contractor; and/or
 - 1.3 any claim by any person in relation to any breach of contract arising from any proposed measures on the part of the Provider and/or any Sub-Contractor, whether that claim arises before or after the date of any relevant transfer under TUPE and/or COSOP to the Provider and/or Sub-Contractor.
2. If the Co-ordinating Commissioner notifies the Provider that any Commissioner intends to tender or retender any Services, the Provider must within 20 Operational Days following written request (unless otherwise agreed in writing) provide the Co-ordinating Commissioner with anonymised details (as set out in Regulation 11(2) of TUPE) of Staff engaged in the provision of the relevant Services who may be subject to TUPE. The Provider must indemnify and keep indemnified the relevant Commissioner and, at the Co-ordinating Commissioner's request, any new provider who provides any services equivalent to the Services or any of them after expiry or termination of this Contract or termination of a Service, against any Losses in respect any inaccuracy in or omission from the information provided under this Schedule.
3. During the 3 months immediately preceding the expiry of this Contract or at any time following a notice of termination of this Contract or of any Service being given, the Provider must not and must procure that its Sub-Contractors do not, without the prior written consent of the Co-ordinating Commissioner (that consent not to be unreasonably withheld or delayed), in relation to any persons engaged in the provision of the Services or the relevant Service:
 - 3.1 terminate or give notice to terminate the employment of any person engaged in the provision of the Services or the relevant Service (other than for gross misconduct);
 - 3.2 increase or reduce the total number of people employed or engaged in the provision of the Services or the relevant Service by the Provider and any Sub-Contractor by more than 5% (except in the ordinary course of business);
 - 3.3 propose, make or promise to make any material change to the remuneration or other terms and conditions of employment of the individuals engaged in the provision of the Services or the relevant Service;

- 3.4 replace or relocate any persons engaged in the provision of the Services or the relevant Service or reassign any of them to duties unconnected with the Services or the relevant Service; and/or
 - 3.5 assign or redeploy to the Services or the relevant Service any person who was not previously a member of Staff engaged in the provision of the Services or the relevant Service.
4. On termination or expiry of this Contract or of any Service for any reason, the Provider must indemnify and keep indemnified the relevant Commissioners and any new provider who provides any services equivalent to the Services or any of them after that expiry or termination against any Losses in respect of:
 - 4.1 the employment or termination of employment of any person employed or engaged in the delivery of the relevant Services by the Provider and/or any Sub-Contractor before the expiry or termination of this Contract or of any Service which arise from the acts or omissions of the Provider and/or any Sub-Contractor;
 - 4.2 claims brought by any other person employed or engaged by the Provider and/or any Sub-Contractor who is found to or is alleged to transfer to any Commissioner or new provider under TUPE and/or COSOP; and/or
 - 4.3 any failure by the Provider and/or any Sub-Contractor to comply with its obligations under TUPE and/or COSOP in connection with any transfer to any Commissioner or new provider.

5. In this Schedule:

COSOP means the Cabinet Office Statement of Practice *Staff Transfers in the Public Sector* January 2000

TUPE means the Transfer of Undertakings (Protection of Employment) Regulations 2006 and EC Council Directive 77/187

**Note: it may in certain circumstances be appropriate to omit the text set out in paragraphs 1-5 above or to amend it to suit the circumstances - in particular, if the prospect of employees transferring either at the outset or on termination/expiry is extremely remote because their work in connection with the subject matter of the Contract will represent only a minor proportion of their workload. However, it is recommended that legal advice is taken before deleting or amending these provisions.*

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