The National Health Service Commissioning Board ("the Board"), in exercise of powers conferred by Section 14Z21 of the National Health Service Act 2006 (as amended by the Health and Social Care Act 2012), gives the following Directions.

**Citation, commencement and application**

(1) These Directions are given to NHS Greenwich Clinical Commissioning Group ("Greenwich CCG").

(2) These Directions may be cited as the Greenwich CCG Directions 2017 and come into force on 1 September 2017.

(3) These Directions apply until they are varied or revoked by the Board, or 1 April 2019, whichever shall be sooner.

**Acute Commissioning Arrangements**

(4) The Board directs that:

a. Greenwich CCG shall with effect from the date hereof or until these Directions are varied or revoked by the Board or 1 April 2019 (whichever is sooner), and subject to paragraph (5)h below, cease to exercise its acute commissioning functions including the contract with Lewisham and Greenwich NHS Trust ("L&G NHST") dated 1 March 2017. For the period specified above, such functions shall be exercised on behalf of Greenwich CCG by NHS Southwark Clinical Commissioning Group ("Southwark CCG");

b. Greenwich CCG shall notify L&G NHST of these Directions and of the exercise of the acute commissioning functions by Southwark CCG with regards to the contract between Greenwich CCG and L&G NHST for the period so specified.
Recovery Plan

(5) The Board directs that:

a. During the period of time these Directions are in force, Greenwich CCG shall produce and implement a recovery plan ("the U&EC Recovery Plan") in respect of the services set out in the contract between Greenwich CCG and L&G NHST dated 1 March 2017, specifically addressing urgent and emergency care ("U&EC") services and ensuring that such services meet all applicable national standards;

b. The U&EC Recovery Plan shall include, but shall not be limited to, actions to ensure the implementation of Next Steps on the NHS Five Year Forward View insofar as relevant to U&EC services;

c. Greenwich CCG shall ensure that the U&EC Recovery Plan is developed with input from L&G NHST and includes a recovery plan by L&G NHST as to how it will address U&EC services and ensure that such services meet all applicable national standards;

d. The U&EC Recovery Plan shall be approved by the Board and shall be provided for approval by the Board within one month of the date of these directions;

e. Greenwich CCG shall implement the U&EC Recovery Plan promptly following approval by the Board and by no later than two weeks following approval and in accordance with any instructions that may be issued by the Board following such approval;

f. Greenwich CCG shall ensure that it directs sufficient resources to support the implementation of the U&EC Recovery Plan;

g. Greenwich CCG shall co-operate with the Board regarding the U&EC Recovery Plan, including but not limited to, the prompt provision of information, documents and records requested by the Board and making senior officers available to meet with the Board, as required, to enable the Board to oversee and ensure the proper implementation of the Plan by the CCG;

h. Greenwich CCG shall be permitted to exercise such of its commissioning functions and/or rights under its contract with L&G NHST, as required, to ensure compliance with this paragraph (5).
(6) The Board may direct Greenwich CCG in any other matters relating to the U&EC Recovery Plan.

**Cooperation with Southwark CCG**

(7) The Board directs that Greenwich CCG shall work with and cooperate with Southwark CCG as necessary to enable Southwark CCG properly to exercise Greenwich CCG’s acute commissioning functions and to enable Greenwich CCG to ensure the development and implementation of the U&EC Recovery Plan in accordance with these Directions.

**Compliance with these Directions**

(8) The Board directs that Greenwich CCG shall co-operate with the Board regarding the Board’s oversight of Greenwich CCG’s compliance with these Directions, including but not limited to the prompt provision of information, documents and records requested by the Board and making senior officers available to meet with the Board, as required.

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