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The Southwark Clinical Commissioning Group Directions 2017

The National Health Service Commissioning Board ("the Board"), in exercise of powers conferred by Section 14Z21 (8) (b) 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 Southwark Clinical Commissioning Group ("Southwark CCG") following Directions given to NHS Greenwich Clinical Commissioning Group ("Greenwich CCG") (the Greenwich CCG Directions 2017) in exercise of powers conferred by Section 14Z21(3) of the National Health Service Act 2006 (as amended).

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

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

Delivery of Acute Commissioning Functions

(4) Whereas the Board has given Directions to Greenwich CCG (the Greenwich CCG Directions 2017) to cease to exercise its acute commissioning functions including under its contract with Lewisham and Greenwich NHS Trust ("L&G NHST") dated 1 March 2017 from the date of the Directions to the date those Directions are varied or revoked or until 1 April 2019, whichever is sooner, the Board hereby directs Southwark CCG to exercise, during that period of time,
those acute commissioning functions of Greenwich CCG, on behalf of Greenwich CCG.

(5) The Board directs that:
   a. Southwark CCG shall work with and cooperate with Greenwich CCG as necessary to enable Southwark CCG properly to exercise Greenwich CCG’s acute commissioning functions including under its contract with L&G NHST;
   b. Southwark CCG shall liaise with L&G NHST as necessary to ensure the proper exercise of Greenwich CCG’s acute commissioning functions in accordance with these Directions;
   c. Southwark CCG shall ensure that it has appropriate indemnity provisions in place to cover the exercise of Greenwich CCG's acute commissioning functions in accordance with these Directions.

(6) The Board may, in agreement with Southwark CCG, direct Southwark CCG in any other matters relating to the exercise of the acute commissioning functions of Greenwich CCG.

Recovery Plan

(7) The Greenwich CCG Directions 2017 direct Greenwich CCG to develop and implement a recovery plan with L&G NHST specifically to address urgent and emergency care services (“the U&EC Recovery Plan”). For the period these Directions are in force and Southwark CCG is exercising the acute commissioning functions of Greenwich CCG in relation to the contract with L&G NHST, the Board directs Southwark CCG to work with and cooperate with Greenwich CCG, as necessary, to enable the development and implementation of the Plan.

(8) The Board may direct Southwark CCG in any other matters relating to the U&EC Recovery Plan.
Compliance with these Directions

(9) The Board directs that Southwark CCG shall co-operate with the Board regarding the Board’s oversight of Southwark 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. The exercise of acute commissioning functions by Southwark CCG in compliance with these Directions will be monitored in accordance with the Board’s CCG Improvement and Assessment Framework.

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