### **The Primary Medical Services (Directed Enhanced Services) Directions (2016)**

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Citation, commencement and application

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1. These Directions may be cited as the Primary Medical Services (Directed Enhanced Services) Directions 2017 and come into force on 1st April 2017.
2. These Directions are given to the Board.

Establishment etc. of directed enhanced services schemes

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1. The Board must, in exercising its functions under section 83 of the Act so as to secure the provision of primary medical services throughout England, establish, operate and, as appropriate, revise the following schemes—
2. a Violent Patients Scheme, the underlying purpose of which is to ensure that there are sufficient arrangements in place to provide primary medical services to patients who have been subject to immediate removal from a patient list of a primary medical services contractor because of an act or threat of violence;

Violent Patients Scheme

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1. The Board must consult the local medical committee (if any) for the area in which a primary medical services contractor which wishes to enter into arrangements in respect of a Violent Patients Scheme (referred to in this Direction as “the Scheme”) provides primary medical services about any proposals it has to establish or revise the Scheme.
2. Where the Board enters into arrangements under the Scheme, the Board must—
	1. as part of those arrangements, make provision for the payment arrangements for the contractor agreeing and meeting its obligations under the Scheme in respect of each financial year to which those arrangements relate; and
	2. where necessary, vary the primary medical services contractor’s contract or agreement so that the Scheme comprises part of the contractor’s contract or agreement and the arrangements under the Scheme are conditions of the contract or agreement.