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Background

0.1 This document contains written evidence from NHS England to inform the NHS Pay Review Body (PRB) report on 2018/19 pay for their remit group.

0.2 The Department of Health are, as usual, providing detailed evidence while this document provides NHS England's view on affordability given the NHS PRB has previously expressed an interest in this area.

Affordability and funding constraints

1.1 NHS England is funded by the Department of Health to commission health services, with objectives set out in the NHS Mandate to deliver improved health outcomes.

1.2 The Government published NHS England’s allocations for the years to 2020/21 in the Spending Review. NHS England’s budget for 2018/19 will be formally set in the Mandate, which will be published later in the year.

1.3 It is clear that the coming years will continue to require very significant further financial savings and efficiency improvements.

1.4 As a result, all providers in the service need to make savings and deliver efficiency gains each year. We estimate that around £3.5bn of efficiencies between 2015/16 and 2020/21 were predicated on implementing the Government’s previously announced 1% public sector pay cap to 2019/20.