



Notice of Removal of Section 111 Additional Licence Condition

For the purposes of this Notice, NHS Improvement means “Monitor”.

The following additional licence condition was imposed by NHS Improvement on South East Coast Ambulance Service NHS Foundation Trust on 23 October 2015 in accordance with NHS Improvement’s power under section 111 of the Health and Social Care Act 2012:

Additional Licence Condition 1 – Additional governance requirements:

- 1) The Licensee must ensure that it has in place:
 - a) an effectively functioning board and board committees;
 - b) sufficient and effective board, management and clinical leadership capacity and capability; and
 - c) appropriate governance systems and processes, to enable it to address the issues specified in paragraph 2.

- 2) The issues referred to in paragraph 1 are:
 - a) the failures in governance of the Licensee that have led to the enforcement undertakings accepted by Monitor on 23 October 2015; and
 - b) any other issues relating to governance or operations that have caused or contributed to, or are causing or contributing to, or will cause or contribute to, the breach of the conditions of the Licensee’s licence.

NHS Improvement has decided it is appropriate to remove this additional licence condition, as from the date of this notice, for the following reasons:

- a. The Licensee commissioned an independent forensic review in December 2015 into the governance concerns arising from its “Red 3 and Green 5” pilot that led to the additional licence condition being imposed. The review was completed in February 2016 and the Licensee demonstrated that it has delivered the recommendations from this review to ensure that appropriate projects are clinically assessed and appraised by the Board.
- b. The Licensee has taken steps to strengthen the capacity and capability of its Board in response the review It has strengthened its clinical leadership including the implementation of a revised divisional governance structure, and the introduction of a new patient safety team.
- c. The improvements in the Licencee’s Board governance arrangements have been subject to independent review including the 2017 Board governance review under NHS

Improvement's Well Led Framework and CQC's comprehensive inspection of the Licensee in August 2019 that rated the Licensee "Good" overall and "Good" in the "Well-Led" Domain.

Signed: 

Tom Edgell, Locality Director, on behalf of Regional Support Group South-East, NHS England & NHS Improvement

Date: 26 November 2020