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# Overview

We have published a consultation to ask for views from stakeholders on changes which NHS England (NHSE) proposes to make to the NHS Standard Contract for 2023/24.

The NHS Standard Contract is published by NHSE for use by NHS commissioners to contract for all healthcare services other than primary care services. We are now consulting on changes for 2023/24 to both versions of the Contract – the full-length version, which is used to commission the bulk of such services by value, and the shorter-form version, which can be used in defined circumstances for certain less complex and typically lower cost services. The consultation document and the updated Contracts are available on the [NHS Standard Contract 2023/24 webpage](https://www.england.nhs.uk/nhs-standard-contract/23-24/).

We welcome comments from stakeholders on our proposals, along with any other suggestions for improvement. Comments on the draft Contracts can be submitted via an [online feedback form](https://www.engage.england.nhs.uk/).

(The topic numbers in the left-hand column in the tables below have been added so that stakeholders can ‘read across’ more easily to the [online feedback form.](https://www.engage.england.nhs.uk/)  Numbers 1-5 are not used in this consultation document, as they correspond to stakeholders’ name, email address etc on the online feedback form.)

For each topic, please indicate whether a) your organisation supports the proposal, b) your organisation does not support the proposal, or c) the proposal is not applicable to your organisation, and add comments where relevant.

Comments on the draft Contract should be submitted by 27 January 2023 via the [NHS England Consultation Hub](https://www.engage.england.nhs.uk/).

Please note that responses can only be submitted via the Consultation Hub.  **We have provided this Word version of the consultation questions to help stakeholders collate responses from across their organisation. This document should not be used to submit responses, and all responses should be submitted via the Consultation Hub by 27 January 2023.**

# Changes to national waiting times standards

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|  |  | **Support proposal?** | **Comments** |
| **Yes** | **No** | **NA** |
| 6) | Maximum RTT waiting times |  |  |  |  |
| 7) | Four-hour waiting times |  |  |  |  |
| 8) | Ambulance response times |  |  |  |  |
| 9) | 28-day cancer faster diagnosis standard |  |  |  |  |

# Clinical services – new additions to reflect national priorities

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|  |  | **Support proposal?** | **Comments** |
| **Yes** | **No** | **NA** |
| 10) | Peri-operative care guidance |  |  |  |  |
| 11) | Outpatient services |  |  |  |  |
| 12) | National Infection Prevention and Control manual |  |  |  |  |
| 13) | Vaccination for Covid-19 |  |  |  |  |
| 14) | Reporting deaths of people with a learning disability and/or autism |  |  |  |  |
| 15) | Medical Devices Safety Officer and Medication Safety Officer |  |  |  |  |

# Clinical services – areas where updated Contract wording is needed

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|  |  | **Support proposal?** | **Comments** |
| **Yes** | **No** | **NA** |
| 16) | Maternity and neonatal services |  |  |  |  |
| 17) | Patient safety |  |  |  |  |
| 18) | End of life care |  |  |  |  |
| 19) | Palliative careco-ordination |  |  |  |  |

# Workforce

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|  |  | **Support proposal?** | **Comments** |
| **Yes** | **No** | **NA** |
| 20) | Workforce Race and Disability Equality Standards |  |  |  |  |
| 21) | Professional Nurse Advocate role |  |  |  |  |
| 22) | Workforce planning |  |  |  |  |
| 23) | Staff health and wellbeing |  |  |  |  |
| 24) | Freedom to Speak Up |  |  |  |  |

# Procurement of medicines and devices

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|  |  | **Support proposal?** | **Comments** |
| **Yes** | **No** | **NA** |
| 25) | Procurement of medicines via national frameworks |  |  |  |  |
| 26) | Procurement of high-cost devices used in specialised services |  |  |  |  |

# Greener NHS and healthcare food and drink standards

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|  |  | **Support proposal?** | **Comments** |
| **Yes** | **No** | **NA** |
| 27) | Desflurane |  |  |  |  |
| 28) | Piped nitrous oxide |  |  |  |  |
| 29) | Electricity supplies |  |  |  |  |
| 30) | NHS Net Zero Supplier Roadmap |  |  |  |  |
| 31) | National standards for healthcare food and drink |  |  |  |  |

# Payment and reporting

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|  |  | **Support proposal?** | **Comments** |
| **Yes** | **No** | **NA** |
| 32) | Withholding of payment / financial sanctions |  |  |  |  |
| 33) | Reporting requirements |  |  |  |  |
| 34) | NHS Payment Scheme |  |  |  |  |
| 35) | Charging of overseas visitors |  |  |  |  |
| 36) | Deadlines for contesting invoices and reconciliation accounts |  |  |  |  |

# Further comments

37) NHS England would welcome further suggestions for improving the Contract. Please add any ideas you may have below.

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**The deadline for receipt of responses is 27 January 2023. We will publish the final versions of the Contract (both full-length and shorter-form) as soon after that as possible.**

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