NHS England 25/26 Commissioner Assignment Method

What is the commissioning dataset type (CDS) type?

120-160 inclusive (admitted patient care) or 020 (outpatient)

011 (ECDS)

START

Is the patient liable for charges? (A)

Yes → Private Patient/COV (VPP00)

No → Is the patient ordinarily resident in the UK (England, Wales, Scotland or N Ireland) (B)

No → Welsh Health Specialised Services Committee/Scotland National Services Division/N Ireland Health and Social Care Board

Yes → Is the patient registered with a Welsh border GP **AND** is their usual place of residence in one of the Welsh or English counties covered by the England-Wales Cross-Border Protocol? (WB-1)

Yes → Is the patient registered with a Welsh border GP **AND** is their usual place of residence in one of the Welsh or English counties covered by the England-Wales Cross-Border Protocol? (WB-10)

Yes → Has the patient been referred via RAS? (C-3)

No → Responsible NHS England Specialised Commissioning Hub (provider)

No → Did the patient receive a highly-specialised service described in Appendix C? (C-1)

Yes → Does NHS England have a contract with the specialised service provider? (C-2)

No → Welsh Local Health Board / Scotland Health Board/N Ireland Local Commissioning Group

No → Is the patient registered with an English GP **AND** is their usual place of residence within an area covered by the English-Wales Cross-Border Protocol? (WB-2)

Yes → Is the activity record for specialised or highly-specialised care? (C)

No → Is the patient's usual place of residence in England? (WB-3)

Yes → Is the activity record for specialised or highly-specialised care? (C-0)

Yes → Is the service a red/blue service? (C-0a)

Yes → Responsible NHS England Specialised Commissioning Hub

No → Is the activity for secondary dental care? (D)

Yes → Commissioning Hub for Health and Justice Commissioning

No → Is the patient part of the eligible health and justice population? (E)

Yes → Responsible NHS England Regional Geography for Public Health Services

No → Is the activity related to a public heath service described in the Section 7a agreement between NHS England and the Secretary of State? (F)

Yes → Responsible Local Authority

No → Is it other public health activity? (H)

Yes → Does the activity meet NHS England eligibility for Armed Forces? (I-1)

No → Is the activity for Infertility treatment? (I)

Yes → Is the patient registered with an English GP Practice that has **13Q** as parent code in EPRACCUR? (J)

Yes → NHS England Armed Forces Commissioning Hub

No → Is the patient's usual place of resident in England? (A&E-1)

Yes → Is the patient registered with / referred from an English GP Practice that has **13Q** as parent code in EPRACCUR? (J)

Yes → NHS England Armed Forces Commissioning Hub

No → Is the patient resident in an EEA member state who has right of access to English highly-specialised services? (B-2)

Yes → Responsible NHS England Specialised Commissioning Hub

No → Is the activity record for highly-specialised care? (B-1)

No → Is activity covered by a non-EEA /OSV reciprocal healthcare agreement or other international obligation? (B-3)

Yes → See OSV guidance

No → Is the patient's usual place of residence in England? (B-4)

No → Responsible NHS England Specialised Commissioning Hub (GP practice)

Yes → Is there a signed delegation agreement, between ICB and NHS England, in place? (C-6)

Yes → Is the service a specialised green service? (C-5)

No → **Responsible** sub-ICB location

Yes → **Host** sub-ICB location

No → **Responsible** sub-ICB location

Yes → NHS England Armed Forces Commissioning Hub

Assignment Process

- A&E Assignment Process
- Main Assignment Process
- Sub Assignment Process

Main Decision

Sub Decision

Assigned Commissioner