

## Comparison document

# 2026/27 NHS Standard Contract

## Particulars (Full Length)

Version 1, February 2026

This comparison document shows the 'tracked changes' between the [2025/26 NHS Standard Contract full length Particulars](#) published in May 2025, and the [final version of the 2026/27 NHS Standard Contract full length Particulars](#) published in January 2026.

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DATE OF CONTRACT	
EXPECTED SERVICE COMMENCEMENT DATE	
CONTRACT TERM	[ ] years/months commencing [ ] [(or as extended in accordance with Schedule 1C)]
COMMISSIONERS	[ ] ICB (ODS [ ]) [ ] ICB (ODS [ ]) [ ] ICB (ODS [ ])  [NHS England]  [Local Authority] (ODS [ ])
CO-ORDINATING COMMISSIONER See GC10 and Schedule 5C	[ ]
PROVIDER	[ ] (ODS [ ]) Principal and/or registered office address: [ ] [Company number: [ ]]

CONTRACT AWARD PROCESS See s15 of the Contract Technical Guidance	<p>[Process under Public Contracts Regulations 2015]</p> <p>[PSR direct award process A]</p> <p>[PSR direct award process B]</p> <p>[PSR direct award process C]</p> <p>[PSR most suitable provider process]</p> <p>[PSR competitive process]</p> <p>[Urgent award in accordance with regulation 14(2) of the PSR Regulations]</p> <p>[Process under Procurement Act 2023]</p> <p>[Call-off under framework:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Increasing Capacity Framework</li> </ul> <p><i>[The Increasing Capacity Framework expired on 20 November 2024, so no Contract can have been awarded by call-off under that Framework after that date.]</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Other: [ ], in accordance with the rules of that framework and regulation 18 of the PSR Regulations]</li> </ul> <p><i>[Select one of the above, as appropriate, and delete the others]</i></p>
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## CONTRACT

**Contract title:** .....

**Contract ref:** .....

This Contract records the agreement between the Commissioners and the Provider and comprises

1. these **Particulars**, as completed and agreed by the Parties and as may be varied from time to time in accordance with GC13 (*Variations*);
2. the **Service Conditions (Full Length)**, as published by NHS England from time to time at: <https://www.england.nhs.uk/nhs-standard-contract/>;
3. the **General Conditions (Full Length)**, as published by NHS England from time to time at: <https://www.england.nhs.uk/nhs-standard-contract/>.

Each Party acknowledges and agrees

- (i) that it accepts and will be bound by the Service Conditions and General Conditions as published by NHS England at the date of this Contract, and
- (ii) that it will accept and will be bound by the Service Conditions and General Conditions as from time to time updated, amended or replaced and published by, NHS England pursuant to its powers under Regulation 17 of the National Health Service Commissioning Board and Clinical Commissioning Groups (Responsibilities and Standing Rules) Regulations 2012, with effect from the date of such publication.

**IN WITNESS OF WHICH the Parties have signed this Contract on the date(s) shown below**

**SIGNED by**

.....

**Signature**

**[INSERT AUTHORISED SIGNATORY'S NAME]** .....

**Title**

**For and on behalf of**

**[INSERT COMMISSIONER NAME]** .....

**Date**

**[INSERT AS ABOVE FOR EACH COMMISSIONER]**

**SIGNED by**

.....

**Signature**

**[INSERT AUTHORISED**

**SIGNATORY'S**

**NAME]** for

**and on behalf of**

**[INSERT PROVIDER NAME]** .....

**Title**

.....

**Date**

<b>SERVICE COMMENCEMENT AND CONTRACT TERM</b>	
<b>Effective Date</b>  See GC2.1	[The date of this Contract] [or as specified here]
<b>Expected Service Commencement Date</b>  See GC3.1	
<b>Longstop Date</b>  See GC4.1 and 17.10.1	
<b>Contract Term</b>	[ ] years/months commencing [ ] [(or as extended in accordance with Schedule 1C)]
<b>Commissioner option to extend Contract Term</b>  See Schedule 1C, which applies only if YES is indicated here	YES/NO  By [ ] months/years
<b>Commissioner Notice Period</b> (for termination under GC17.2)	[ ] months [Period(s) as agreed/determined locally in respect of the Contract as a whole and/or specific Services – to be specified here]
<b>Commissioner Earliest Termination Date</b> (for termination under GC17.2)	[ ] months after the Service Commencement Date [Period(s) as agreed/determined locally in respect of the Contract as a whole and/or specific Services – to be specified here]
<b>Provider Notice Period</b> (for termination under GC17.3)	[ ] months [Period(s) as agreed/determined locally in respect of the Contract as a whole and/or specific Services – to be specified here]
<b>Provider Earliest Termination Date</b> (for termination under GC17.3)	[ ] months after the Service Commencement Date [Period(s) as agreed/determined locally in respect of the Contract as a whole and/or specific Services – to be specified here]

<b>SERVICES</b>	
<b>Service Categories</b>	Indicate <u>all</u> categories of service which the Provider is commissioned to provide under this Contract. <i>Note that certain provisions of the Service Conditions and Annex A to the Service Conditions apply in respect of some service categories but not others.</i>
<b>Accident and Emergency Services (Type 1 and Type 2 only) (A+E)</b>	
<b>Acute Services (A)</b>	
<b>Ambulance Services (AM)</b>	
<b>Cancer Services and/or Radiotherapy Services (CR)</b>	
<b>Continuing Healthcare Services (including continuing care for children) (CHC)</b>	
<b>Community Services (CS)</b>	
<b>Diagnostic, Screening and/or Pathology Services (D)</b>	
<b>End of Life Care Services (ELC)</b>	
<b>Mental Health and Learning Disability Services (MH)</b>	
<b>Mental Health and Learning Disability Secure Services (MHSS)</b>	
<b>NHS 111 Services (111)</b>	
<b>Patient Transport Services (non-emergency) (PT)</b>	
<b>Urgent Treatment Centre Services (including Walk-in Centre Services/Minor Injuries Units) (U)</b>	
<b>Service Requirements</b>	
<b>Prior Approval Response Time Standard</b> See SC29.21	Within [ ] Operational Days following the date of request Or Not applicable
<b>GOVERNANCE AND REGULATORY</b>	
<b>Provider's Nominated Individual</b> See SC1.4	[ ] Email: [ ] Tel: [ ]
<b>Provider's 2018 Act Responsible Person</b> See SC3.17	[ ] Email: [ ] Tel: [ ]
<b>Commissioners' UEC DoS Leads</b> See SC6.18	[ ] ICB: [ ] Email: [ ] Tel: [ ]  [INSERT AS ABOVE FOR EACH ICB]

<b>Provider's UEC DoS Contact</b> See SC6.18	[ ] Email: [ ] Tel: [ ]
<b>Provider's Health Inequalities Lead (NHS Trusts and NHS Foundation Trusts only)</b> See SC13.8	[ ] Email: [ ] Tel: [ ]
<b>Provider's Net Zero Lead (NHS Trusts and NHS Foundation Trusts only)</b> See SC18.2	[ ] Email: [ ] Tel: [ ]
<b>Provider's Infection Prevention Lead</b> See SC21.1	[ ] Email: [ ] Tel: [ ]
<b>Provider's Accountable Emergency Officer</b> See SC30.1	[ ] Email: [ ] Tel: [ ]
<b>Provider's Child Sexual Abuse and Exploitation Lead</b> See SC32.2	[ ] Email: [ ] Tel: [ ]
<b>Provider's Mental Capacity and Liberty Protection Safeguards Lead</b> See SC32.2	[ ] Email: [ ] Tel: [ ]
<b>Provider's Prevent Lead</b> See SC32.2	[ ] Email: [ ] Tel: [ ]
<b>Provider's Safeguarding Lead (adults) / named professional for safeguarding adults</b> See SC32.2	[ ] Email: [ ] Tel: [ ]
<b>Provider's Safeguarding Lead (children) / named professional for safeguarding children</b> See SC32.2	[ ] Email: [ ] Tel: [ ]
<b>Provider's Controlled Drugs Accountable Officer (NHS Trusts, NHS Foundation Trusts and English Independent Hospitals only)</b> See SC33.12	[ ] Email: [ ] Tel: [ ]
<b>Provider's Wellbeing Guardian (NHS Trusts and NHS Foundation Trusts only)</b> See GC5.9	[ ] Email: [ ] Tel: [ ]
<b>Provider's Freedom To Speak Up Guardian(s)</b> See GC5.10	[ ] Email: [ ] Tel: [ ]
<b>Provider's Caldicott Guardian</b> See GC21.3	[ ] Email: [ ] Tel: [ ]
<b>Provider's Data Protection Officer (if required by Data Protection Legislation)</b> See GC21.3	[ ] Email: [ ] Tel: [ ]
<b>Provider's Information Governance Lead</b> See GC21.3	[ ] Email: [ ] Tel: [ ]

Provider's Senior Information Risk Owner See GC21.3	[ ] Email: [ ] Tel: [ ]
<b>CONTRACT MANAGEMENT</b>	
Addresses for service of Notices  See GC36	<b>Co-ordinating Commissioner:</b> [ ] Address: [ ] Email: [ ]  <b>Commissioner:</b> [ ] Address: [ ] Email: [ ]  [INSERT AS ABOVE FOR EACH COMMISSIONER]  <b>Provider:</b> [ ] Address: [ ] Email: [ ]
Frequency of Review Meetings  See GC8.1	Ad hoc/Monthly/Quarterly/Six Monthly
Commissioner Representative(s)  See GC10.3	[ ] Address: [ ] Email: [ ] Tel: [ ]
Provider Representative  See GC10.3	[ ] Address: [ ] Email: [ ] Tel: [ ]
Nominated Mediation Body (where required – see GC14.4)	Not applicable/CEDR/Other – [ ]

## **SCHEDULE 1 – SERVICE COMMENCEMENT AND CONTRACT TERM**

### **A. Conditions Precedent**

The Provider must provide the Co-ordinating Commissioner with the following documents in accordance with GC4.1:

1. Evidence of appropriate Indemnity Arrangements
2. [Evidence of CQC registration in respect of Provider and Material Sub-Contractors (where required)]
3. [Evidence of the Provider Licence in respect of Provider and Material Sub-Contractors (where required)]
4. [Copies of the following Material Sub-Contracts, signed and dated and in a form approved by the Co-ordinating Commissioner] *[LIST ONLY THOSE REQUIRED FOR SERVICE COMMENCEMENT AND NOT PROVIDED ON OR BEFORE THE DATE OF THIS CONTRACT]*
5. [Insert text locally]

The Provider must complete the following actions in accordance with GC4.1:

**[Insert text locally or state Not Applicable]**

## **SCHEDULE 1 – SERVICE COMMENCEMENT AND CONTRACT TERM**

### **B. Commissioner Documents**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Document</b>	<b>Description</b>
Insert text locally or state Not Applicable		

## **SCHEDULE 1 – SERVICE COMMENCEMENT AND CONTRACT TERM**

### **C. Extension of Contract Term**

*The text below is a template for an option on the part of Commissioners to extend the Contract Term – i.e. for a modification to the Contract (the modification being the extension of the term) “clearly and unambiguously provided for in the contract” as envisaged by regulation 13(1)(a) of the PSR Regulations (<https://www.legislation.gov.uk/uksi/2023/1348/contents/made>).*

*Please refer to the Contract Technical Guidance if considering use of this Schedule. The text below may be included as it is (with appropriate insertions), adapted (but, it is advised, only having taken appropriate legal advice) to provide for different potential extensions for different Commissioners and/or Services, or deleted and stated to be Not Applicable. The italicised guidance notes should also be deleted.*

*Whether or not the text below is included (or included in an amended form), the Contract Term may be extended if any of the other circumstances under which that modification to the Contract is permissible under regulation 13 or regulation 14 of the PSR Regulations apply. It is recommended that the Commissioners take legal advice if considering an extension to the Contract Term in any circumstances or on any terms other than those set out clearly and unambiguously in Schedule 1C to their Contract.*

*This guidance note assumes that the contract was procured under either the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 or the PSR Regulations. If the contract was procured under the Procurement Act 2023 then legal advice should be sought on modification / extensions.*

1. The Commissioners may opt to extend the Contract Term [specify number of extensions permitted: e.g. once/twice] by [up to] [ ] months/year(s).
2. If the Commissioners wish to exercise the option to extend the Contract Term, the Co-ordinating Commissioner must give written notice to that effect to the Provider no later than [ ] months before the Expiry Date as at the date of the written notice.
3. The option to extend the Contract Term may be exercised in conjunction with any variation to the Contract permitted by and in accordance with GC13 (Variations).
4. If the Co-ordinating Commissioner gives notice to extend the Contract Term in accordance with paragraph 2 above, the Contract Term will be extended by the period specified in that notice and the Expiry Date will be deemed to be the date of expiry of that period.

## SCHEDULE 2 – THE SERVICES

### A. Service Specifications

*Insert text and/or attach documents locally. Delete these italicised guidance notes.*

*This is a non-mandatory model template for local population. Commissioners may retain the structure below, or may determine their own in accordance with the Contract Technical Guidance. NHS England's Contract Technical Guidance provides further guidance on specifications generally and on what to consider for inclusion under the headings below at section 36 and at Appendix 4 respectively.*

Service name	
Service specification number	
Population and/or geography to be served	
Service aims and desired outcomes	
Service description and location(s) from which it will be delivered	

## SCHEDULE 2 – THE SERVICES

### Ai. Service Specifications – Enhanced Health in Care Homes

*This Schedule will be applicable, and should be included in full (with these italicised guidance notes deleted), where the Provider is to have a role in delivering the Enhanced Health in Care Homes care model (see <https://www.england.nhs.uk/publication/enhanced-health-in-care-homes-framework/>) in collaboration with local PCNs. (Under SC4.9, this Schedule is potentially relevant to providers of acute, community and mental health services.) If the Provider is not to have such a role, delete the text below and these italicised guidance notes and insert Not Applicable.*

*Indicative requirements marked YES are mandatory requirements for any Provider of community physical and mental health services which is to have a role in the delivery of the EHCH care model.*

*Indicative requirements marked YES/NO will be requirements for the Provider in question if so agreed locally – so delete as appropriate to indicate requirements which do or do not apply to the Provider.*

<b>1.0 Enhanced Health in Care Homes Requirements</b>	
<b>1.1 Primary Care Networks and other providers with which the Provider must co-operate</b>	
<input type="checkbox"/> PCN (acting through lead practice <input type="checkbox"/> )/other <input type="checkbox"/> PCN (acting through lead practice <input type="checkbox"/> )/other [other providers]	
<b>1.2 Indicative requirements</b>	
Have in place a list of the care homes for which it is to have responsibility, agreed with the relevant ICB as applicable.	YES
Have in place a plan for how the service will operate, agreed with the relevant ICB(s) as applicable, PCN(s), care homes and other providers [listed above], and abide on an ongoing basis by its responsibilities under this plan.	YES
Have in place and maintain in operation in agreement with the relevant PCN(s) and other providers [listed above] a multidisciplinary team (MDT) to deliver relevant services to the care homes.	YES
Have in place and maintain in operation protocols between the care home and with system partners for information sharing, shared care planning, use of shared care records and clear clinical governance.	YES
Participate in and support 'home rounds' as agreed with the PCN as part of an MDT.	YES/NO

<p>Operate, as agreed with the relevant PCNs, arrangements for the MDT to develop and refresh as required a Personalised Care and Support Plan with people living in care homes, with the expectation that all Personalised Care and Support Plans will be in digital form.</p> <p>Through these arrangements, the MDT will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• aim for the plan to be developed and agreed with each new resident within seven Operational Days of admission to the home and within seven Operational Days of readmission following a hospital episode (unless there is good reason for a different timescale);</li> <li>• develop plans with the person and/or their carer;</li> <li>• base plans on the principles and domains of a comprehensive geriatric assessment including assessment of the physical, psychological, functional, social and environmental needs of the person including end of life care needs where appropriate;</li> <li>• draw, where practicable, on existing assessments that have taken place outside of the home and reflecting their goals; and</li> <li>• make all reasonable efforts to support delivery of the plan.</li> </ul>	YES/NO
<p>Work with the PCN to identify and/or engage in locally organised shared learning opportunities as appropriate and as capacity allows.</p>	YES/NO
<p>Work with the PCN to support discharge from hospital and transfers of care between settings, including giving due regard to NICE Guideline 27 (<a href="https://www.nice.org.uk/guidance/ng27">https://www.nice.org.uk/guidance/ng27</a>).</p>	YES/NO
<p><b>1.3 Specific obligations</b></p> <p><i>[To include details of care homes to be served]</i></p>	

## SCHEDULE 2 – THE SERVICES

### Aii. Service Specifications – Primary and Community Mental Health Services

#### Guidance notes

*This Schedule supports the implementation of arrangements put in place through the GP Contract (specifically the Additional Roles Reimbursement Scheme within the Network Contract Directed Enhanced Service), under which certain mental health providers, as part of their mental health service transformation efforts, are to support local Primary Care Networks (PCNs) by employing or engaging Mental Health Practitioners (MHPs). These MHPs will act as a shared resource for the PCN and the mental health provider's primary care mental health / community mental health team.*

*This Schedule will therefore be applicable, and should be completed and included (with these italicised guidance notes deleted), where the Provider is to be the main provider of secondary community-based mental health services for adults / older adults and/or children and young people in the local area. If that is not the case, delete the text below and these italicised guidance notes and insert Not Applicable.*

#### Arrangements for MHPs in 2025/26

*Full detail on the operation of MHP arrangements under the Network Contract Directed Enhanced Service for 2025/26 can be found in the following publications:*

#### Network Contract DES: Contract specification 2025/26 - PCN requirements and entitlements

- *Paragraphs 7.3.3-6 describe how many MHPs can be employed (for adults / older adults and/or for children and young people) and how they are to be funded.*
- *Table 3a and Table 3b of paragraph 10 describe the amounts which PCNs can claim for MHPs.*
- *Paragraph B.14 of Annex B describes minimum role requirements for MHPs, consistent with the requirements set out in the operative provisions below.*

#### Network Contract DES 2025/26 Part B Guidance: Non-clinical

- *Paragraph 7.4.8 specifies that MHPs must be “additional” – that is, above the baseline level already in place at 31 January 2021 – consistent with the definition set out in the operative provisions below.*

#### Funding for MHPs

*Under the Network Contract Directed Enhanced Service, the constituent general practices which form a PCN have an entitlement to certain funding for MHP roles - which they then use to commission an MHP service from their local mental health provider, so that the latter can employ or engage MHPs to work as a shared resource, as described above.*

*In relation to the first MHP for adults / older adults for any PCN, the expectation is that the PCN will provide “match funding” to the Provider. “Match funding” means a financial contribution of 50% of the actual salary, National Insurance and pension costs of an individual MHP, to be paid on an ongoing basis to the Provider by the PCN or the PCN lead practice. The remaining funding for that first role comes to the mental health provider through the Expected Annual Contract Value it agrees with its main ICB commissioners as part of its NHS Standard Contract for the relevant year.*

*The source of funding for any further MHPs for adults / older adults and for any MHPs for children and young people is a matter for local agreement between the PCN, mental health provider and ICB.*

*Where a PCN is commissioning a mental health provider in this way, the lead practice of each PCN and the mental health provider must put in place a separate written agreement for provision of MHP services, setting out the detail of the local MHP arrangements and the agreed funding flow. NHS England has published a [model subcontract for the provision of services related to the Network Contract Directed Enhanced Service](#), which may be used for this purpose.*

Employment or engagement of Mental Health Practitioners

The Provider (or a Sub-Contractor) must employ or engage

- i) Additional whole-time-equivalent adult / older adult Mental Health Practitioner(s) to work as full members of the PCN core multidisciplinary team (MDT) and act as a shared resource across both the PCN core team and the Provider's primary care mental health / community mental health team; and
- ii) Additional whole-time-equivalent children / young people's Mental Health Practitioner(s) to work as full members of the PCN core multidisciplinary team (MDT) and act as a shared resource across both the PCN core team and the Provider's children and young people's primary care mental health / community mental health team

as set out in the table below.

	Additional whole-time-equivalent MHPs (adults / older adults)	Additional whole-time-equivalent MHPs (children / young people)
[PCN 1 AND LEAD PRACTICE – INSERT NAMES]		
[PCN 2 AND LEAD PRACTICE – INSERT NAMES]		
[PCN 3 AND LEAD PRACTICE – INSERT NAME]		
[ADD FURTHER ROWS AS NECESSARY]		

**Requirements to support the role of a Mental Health Practitioner in any PCN**

Operate in agreement with the PCN, appropriate triage and appointment booking arrangements so that Mental Health Practitioners have the flexibility to undertake their role without the need for formal referral of patients from GPs and that the PCN continues to have access to the Provider's wider multidisciplinary community mental health team.

Implement, in agreement with the PCN, an effective role for Mental Health Practitioners, so that each Practitioner provides any or all of the following functions, depending on local context, supervision and appropriate clinical governance:

- i) provide mental health advice, support, consultation and liaison across the wider local health system;
- ii) facilitate onward access to mental and physical health, well-being and biopsychosocial interventions;
- iii) provide brief psychological interventions, where qualified to do so and where appropriate; and
- iv) work closely with other PCN-based staff, including the PCN multi-disciplinary team, to help address the potential range of biopsychosocial needs of Service Users with mental health problems.

Provide (and ensure that any Sub-Contractor provides) each Mental Health Practitioner with appropriate support to maintain the quality and safety of Services, including through robust clinical governance structures complying with the requirements contained or referred to in SC1, SC2 and GC5.2-5.3, and in relation to training, professional development and supervision, as required under GC5.5.

## DEFINITIONS

**Additional** over and above:

- (i) any Mental Health Practitioner already employed or engaged by the Provider or a Sub-Contractor to work as a member of (i.e. working full-time or part-time, including on a rotational basis, within) the relevant general practice or PCN core multi-disciplinary teams as at 31 January 2021; and
- (ii) any NHS Talking Therapies Practitioner already employed or engaged by the Provider or a Sub-Contractor and working co-located within the relevant general practice as at 31 January 2021.

**Mental Health Practitioner** an individual employed or engaged in any practitioner role (registered or non-registered) at Agenda for Change Band 4-8a, to support either a) adults and older adults with complex mental health needs that are not suitable for NHS Talking Therapies provision or b) children and young people with suspected or identified mental health issues or needs. This includes but is not limited to a Community Psychiatric Nurse, Clinical Psychologist, Mental Health Occupational Therapist, Peer Support Worker, Mental Health Community Connector, but does not include an NHS Talking Therapies Practitioner

**NHS Talking Therapies Practitioner** an individual employed as a low-intensity Psychological Wellbeing Practitioner or high intensity therapist, to provide services under the NHS Talking Therapies For Anxiety and Depression programme

## **SCHEDULE 2 – THE SERVICES**

### **B. Indicative Activity Plan**

**Insert text locally in respect of one or more Contract Years or state Not Applicable**

## **SCHEDULE 2 – THE SERVICES**

### **C. Activity Planning Assumptions**

**Insert text locally in respect of one or more Contract Years or state Not Applicable**

## **SCHEDULE 2 – THE SERVICES**

### **D. Not used**

## **SCHEDULE 2 – THE SERVICES**

### **E. Not used**

## **SCHEDULE 2 – THE SERVICES**

### **F. Clinical Networks**

**Insert text locally or state Not Applicable**

## SCHEDULE 2 – THE SERVICES

### G. Other Local Agreements, Policies and Procedures

Insert details/web links\* or state Not Applicable

\* i.e. details of and/or web links to local agreement, policy or procedure as at date of Contract. Subsequent changes to those agreements, policies or procedures, or the incorporation of new ones, must be agreed between the Parties.

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### **H. Transition Arrangements**

**Insert text locally or state Not Applicable**

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### **I. Exit Arrangements**

**Insert text locally or state Not Applicable**

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### **J. Transfer of and Discharge from Care Protocols**

**Insert text locally**

## **SCHEDULE 2 – THE SERVICES**

### **K. Safeguarding Policies and Mental Capacity Act Policies**

**Insert text locally**

## SCHEDULE 2 – THE SERVICES

### L. Provisions Applicable to Primary Medical Services

Insert text locally from 'NHS Standard Contract Provisions Applicable to Primary Medical Services Schedule 2L and Explanatory Note'  
(<https://www.england.nhs.uk/nhs-standard-contract/>) or state Not Applicable

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### M. Development Plan for Personalised Care

*The italicised notes below give advice on what sort of content should or can be included in this Schedule. Delete these italicised notes; include your own local agreed text or state Not Applicable.*

*[Universal Personalised Care: Implementing the Comprehensive Model](#) (UPC) outlines key actions required to support the roll out of personalised care in accordance with NHS Long Term Plan commitments. UPC has six key components: Patient Choice, Personalised Care and Support Planning, Supported Self-Management, Shared Decision Making, Social Prescribing and Personal Health Budgets.*

*In this context, Schedule 2M should be used to set out specific actions which the Commissioner and/or Provider will take to give Service Users greater choice and control over the way their care is planned and delivered, applying relevant components as listed above. Actions set out in Schedule 2M could focus on making across-the-board improvements applying to all of the Provider's services – or on pathways for specific conditions or models of care which have been identified locally as needing particular attention such as in accordance with the [Proactive Care Framework](#). Actions set out in Schedule 2M should be the result of co-production with Service Users and their families / carers. Those with lived experience of relevant conditions and services should be involved at every stage in the development of personalised approaches.*

*Detailed suggestions for potential inclusion are set out below.*

#### **Patient choice and Shared decision-making (SDM)**

*Enabling service users to make choices about the provider, team and services that will best meet their needs, and facilitating SDM in everyday clinical practice are legal and NHS Constitution requirements, as well as specific contractual obligations under SC6.1 and SC10.2.*

*In brief, SDM is a process in which Service Users and clinicians work together to discuss the risks, benefits and consequences of different care, treatment, tests and support options, and make a decision based on evidence-based, good quality information and their personal preferences. For a full definition, see the General Conditions and the resources available [here](#). NICE guideline [NG197](#) on Shared Decision Making reinforces the need for SDM to be part of everyday practice across all healthcare settings.*

- Use Schedule 2M to set out detailed plans to support patient choice and to embed use of SDM as standard across all relevant services. This should include:
  - ensuring workforce have access to training and support to embed SDM, such as via the [Personalised Care Institute](#);
  - considering the use of validated patient-reported measures of SDM;
  - embedding processes to support Service Users in preparing for SDM conversations and making informed choices, including the use of [decision support tools](#) where available);
  - ensuring Service Users are given sufficient time to reflect on information that will help them make a decision prior to consenting to treatment, as part of two-stage decision-making. This includes for example, reviewing decisions with patients who have been on waiting lists for prolonged periods or where additional risks are identified during pre-operative assessments.

#### **Personalised care and support plans (PCSPs)**

*Development, use and review of PCSPs are contractual obligations under SC10.3-10.4. In essence, PCSPs are a record of proactive, personalised conversations about the care a Service User is to receive, focused on what matters to the person; for a full definition, see*

the General Conditions. PCSPs are recommended for all long-term condition pathways plus other priority areas as set out in the NHS Long Term Plan. These include maternity services, palliative and end of life care, residential care settings, cancer, dementia, and cardio-vascular diseases, and more broadly, people with more complex needs. A simple version of a PCSP can also be used to support people who are on a waiting list for an elective procedure or for patients who have been discharged following a hospital admission, to consider what interim support they may need. PCSPs must also be in place to underpin any use of personal health budgets.

- Use Schedule 2M to set out detailed plans to embed the development, review and sharing of PCSPs and to expand the ways in which Service Users are offered meaningful choice over how services are delivered.
- Plans should include ensuring that the workforce have access to training and support to embed personalised care and support planning, for example via the [Personalised Care Institute](#).
- Plans should also set out approaches for the digitisation of PCSPs in compliance with the [DAPB Information Standards Notice for Personalised Care and Support Plans](#).

### **Social prescribing**

Primary Care Networks are now employing social prescribing link workers, tasked with connecting patients to community groups and statutory services for practical and emotional support (see [Social prescribing and community-based support: Summary Guide](#)).

- Use Schedule 2M to set out a plan for how staff within the Provider will be made aware of the local social prescribing offer and for how referrals to and from social prescribing link workers or to digital social prescribing systems and services can be made, aligned to any local PCN shared plans for social prescribing.

### **Supported self-management**

As part of SDM and PCSPs, the support Service Users need to help them manage their long-term condition/s should be discussed with them. Interventions that can help people to develop the capacity to live well with their condition(s) include health coaching, self-management education, and peer support. [NHS @home](#) also supports more connected, personalised care using technology such as remote monitoring devices to support people to better self-manage their health and care at home with education and support from clinical teams.

- Use Schedule 2M to describe plans to embed the offer of supported self-management and to ensure appropriate referrals to self-management interventions, including access to digital tools and supported remote monitoring of long-term conditions.

### **Personal health budgets (PHBs)**

In brief, PHBs are an amount of money to support a person's identified health and wellbeing needs, planned and agreed between them and their local ICB. Schedule 2M can be used to set out the detailed actions which the Commissioner and/or Provider will take to facilitate the roll-out of PHBs (including integrated personal budgets) to appropriate Service Users.

Legal rights to have PHBs now cover:

- adults eligible for NHS Continuing Healthcare and children / young people eligible for continuing care;
- individuals eligible for NHS wheelchair services; and
- individuals who require aftercare services under section 117 of the [Mental Health 1983](#) Act.

Not all of the examples below will be relevant to every type of personal budget, and the locally populated Schedule 2M will likely need to distinguish between different types of personal budgets to ensure that it is consistent with the ICB's statutory obligations and NHS legal frameworks.

*The ICB must retain responsibility for, amongst other things:*

- deciding whether to grant a request for a PHB;
- if a request for a PHB is granted, deciding whether the most appropriate way to manage the PHB is (see [Contract Technical Guidance](#) s28):
  - by the making of a direct payment by the ICB to the individual;
  - by the application of the PHB by the ICB itself; or
  - by the transfer of the PHB to a third party (for example, the Provider) who will apply the PHB.

*If the ICB decides that the most appropriate way of managing a PHB is by the transfer of the PHB to the Provider, the Provider must still obtain the agreement of the ICB in respect of the choices of services/treatment that Service Users/Carers have made, as set out in PCSPs.*

- Use Schedule 2M, for example, to:
  - describe which identified groups of Service Users are to be supported through a personalised care approach and which particular cohorts are to be offered PHBs;
  - clarify the funding arrangements, including what is within the Price and what is not, and whether funding will be provided as a one off payment;
  - set out a roll-out plan, with timescales and target levels of uptake (aimed at delivering the ICB's contribution towards the targets set out in the NHS Long Term Plan for PHBs to be offered to Service Users/Carers from particular care groups, including, but not limited to those with legal rights listed above, people with multiple long-term conditions; people with mental ill health; people with learning disabilities; people using palliative and end of life care services; and to support patients with more timely discharge from hospital);
  - describe how the process of PHBs is aligned with delivery of personal budgets in social care and education, to ensure a seamless offer to Service Users/Carers;
  - require the Provider to implement the roll-out plan, supporting Service Users/Carers, through the personalised care and support planning process, to identify, choose between and access services and treatments that are more suitable for them, including services and treatments from non-NHS providers – and to report on progress in implementation;
  - require the Provider to agree appropriate financial and contractual arrangements to support the choices Service Users/Carers have made; and
  - set out any necessary arrangements for financial audit of PHBs, including for clawback of funding in the event of improper use and clawback in the event of underspends of the person's budget, ensuring this is discussed and agreed with the person beforehand.

## SCHEDULE 2 – THE SERVICES

### N. Health Inequalities Action Plan

*The italicised notes below give advice on what sort of content should or can be included in this Schedule. Delete these italicised notes; include your own local agreed text or state Not Applicable.*

*The guidance below sets out some considerations to be taken into account in populating Schedule 2N. Schedule 2N should be used to set out specific actions which the Commissioner and/or Provider will take, aimed at reducing inequalities in access to, experience of and outcomes from care and treatment, with specific relation to the Services.*

*Successfully tackling health inequalities will necessitate close working with other local organisations from the statutory sector and beyond. The actions set out in Schedule 2N should be rooted in wider systems for partnership working across the local area.*

*Detailed suggestions for inclusion are set out below. The Parties should also refer to the five strategic priorities for tackling health inequalities on the [NHS England Equality and Health Inequalities Hub](#), and alignment to the three shifts and enablers outlined in the Government Ten Year Health Plan (July 2025).*

*The Commissioner and Provider may find the resources published by the [Healthcare Financial Management Association \(HFMA\)](#) useful; see [Addressing health inequalities: Resources to help NHS finance staff take a leading role in addressing health inequalities](#)  
[Addressing health inequalities: Resources to help NHS finance staff take a leading role in addressing health inequalities](#) and [Return on investment | HFMA](#).*

#### **Better data and intelligent use of data**

*See the [Equality and Health Inequalities Hub: Data and insight](#).*

*The Commissioner and Provider can also use [NHS England's Statement on Information on Health Inequalities](#) to identify key information on health inequalities and set out how they have responded to it in annual reports.*

*Schedule 2N can be used to set out:*

- *how the Parties will work with other partners to bring together accessible sources of data to understand levels of variation in access to and outcomes from the Services and to identify and prioritise cohorts of disadvantaged individuals, families, and communities, capitalising on growing understanding of population health management approaches and applications. This may include using data at national, regional and local levels [and the use of the Health Inequalities Improvement Dashboard \(HIID\)](#);*
- *how they will use this intelligence base to analyse and prioritise action at neighbourhood, “place” and system level (see [Place Based Tool Guide](#));*
- *what action the Provider will take to ensure that data which it reports about its Services is accurate and timely, with particular emphasis on attributing deprivation, ethnicity, disability, sexual orientation, and other protected characteristics; [as well as recording social risk factors for inequalities in access and outcomes such as digital exclusion, housing status and occupation; NHS RHO – HARP Health Action Resource Platform NHS – Race and Health Observatory and the elective reform plan](#); and*
- *how the provider will improve the way in which its analysis and reporting (internally and to the Commissioner) of its performance (including in managing waiting lists) breaks down the position by deprivation and ethnicity – and what actions it will take to address identified disparities, and to prevent inequalities from widening. [See Statistics » Waiting List Minimum Data Set \(WLMDS\) Information](#).*

See also: [High Intensity Use programme](#); [Reporting on health inequalities to NHS Trust Boards](#); [Innovation for Healthcare Inequalities Programme](#).

### Community engagement

Schedule 2N can be used to describe how the Parties will work with partners to map established channels of communication and engagement with locally prioritised cohorts identified in the Core20PLUS5 approach [for adults](#) and [for children and young people](#)), to identify barriers or gaps to meaningful and representative engagement, and to develop action plans to address these.

Engagement activity should consider the variety of cohorts identified in the CORE20PLUS5 approach, for example:

- the most deprived communities (identified by the [English indices of deprivation](#))
- groups whose members share protected characteristics e.g. ethnic minority communities; disabled people; LGBTQ+ people ([see NHS RHO – HARP Health Action Resource Platform NHS – Race and Health Observatory](#))
- the socially excluded (known as inclusion health groups) such as people experiencing homelessness or rough sleeping; asylum seekers and Gypsy, Roma and Traveller communities ([see A national framework for NHS – action on inclusion health](#))
- ~~digitally excluded groups~~
- [digitally excluded groups \(see NHS England » Inclusive digital healthcare: a framework for NHS action on digital inclusion\)](#)
- geography – urban, rural and coastal inequalities. ([see Chief Medical Officer's annual report 2021: health in coastal communities - GOV.UK](#)).

Through these and other routes shared intelligence (such as local data, insight and understanding from ~~the Health Inequalities Improvement Dashboard~~, population health management data and public health data profiles) can form the basis for practical goals and actions to be agreed, and set out in this Schedule, to meet established needs.

### Access to and provision of the Services

Schedule 2N can be used to describe:

- what actions the Parties will take to ensure that appropriate patients are identified for referral to the Services, by GPs and other referrers, with particular emphasis on disadvantaged groups as identified in the Core20PLUS5 approach;
- how the Provider can support those referring into its Services through formal and informal means, such as shadowing schemes, educational programmes, health literacy programmes, advice and guidance services: ([see Improving health literacy in the NHS; Health Literacy - Health Innovation NENC; Health Literacy Geo-spatial tool HEALTH LITERACY – Home](#));
- how the Provider can develop and improve its services so that they respond more appropriately to the needs of disadvantaged groups as identified in Core20PLUS5, ensuring a culturally competent and appropriate approach; ([see \(<https://www.england.nhs.uk/long-read/improvement-framework-community-language-translation-and-interpreting-services/>\)](https://www.england.nhs.uk/long-read/improvement-framework-community-language-translation-and-interpreting-services/));
- (with reference to SC12) what communication channels the provider will use to engage with patients (e.g. digital channels; single point of access/hub; face-to-face direct; channels suitable for patients facing digital exclusion and digital poverty); ([see NHS England » Inclusive digital healthcare: a framework for NHS action on digital inclusion](#));
- how the Provider can reduce unwarranted variations in access, experience and outcomes for those using the Services especially in delivering elective recovery- ([see Statistics » Waiting List Minimum Data Set \(WLMDS\) Information](#)).

See also: A national framework for NHS – action on inclusion health.

- Where the provider is a Trust or Foundation Trust) what actions the Parties will take to implement the recommendations set out in the Improvement framework: community language translation and interpreting services  
(<https://www.england.nhs.uk/long-read/improvement-framework-community-language-translation-and-interpreting-services/>)
- Where the provider is a Trust or Foundation Trusts, what actions the Parties will take to implement the recommendations set out the Patient Safety Health Inequalities Reduction Framework NHS England » Patient safety healthcare inequalities reduction framework.

See also: A national framework for NHS – action on inclusion health

NHS England » Patient safety healthcare inequalities reduction framework

NHS England » Inclusive digital healthcare: a framework for NHS action on digital inclusion

NHS England » Improvement framework: community language translation and interpreting services

***Implementation, monitoring and evaluation***

Schedule 2N can set out clear timescales for the agreed actions described above, as well as arrangements through which the Parties will jointly monitor progress against these timescales and evaluate whether improved outcomes are achieved. This should involve other partners as appropriate, and include engagement with the prioritised disadvantaged groups, including those receiving the service but also those who might benefit but are not accessing the services.'

Schedule 2N can also be used to set out how the Commissioner and Provider will provide feedback to the partners they have worked with on delivering this plan.

## SCHEDULE 3 – PAYMENT

### A. Aligned Payment and Incentive Rules

**Delete the italicised guidance notes below; insert text and/or attach spreadsheets or documents locally or state Not Applicable. Include separate values / information for each of one or more Contract Years, as required.**

*Guidance notes on completion of this Schedule are set out below. See the Aligned Payment and Incentive Rules (rules 1-5 at section 4) within the NHS Payment Scheme for further detailed advice.*

*In accordance with SC36.3, this Schedule must be completed in virtually every contract awarded to an NHS Trust or an NHS Foundation Trust. (The only exceptions would be a contract which only covered services wholly and solely in scope of rule 4 or rule 5 of the API Rules.) This Schedule will not be relevant for contracts with non-NHS providers.*

*Refer to the NHS Payment Scheme for definitions of the capitalised terms used below, where not defined in the General Conditions.*

#### **Fixed Payment**

*Include a table setting out the agreed Fixed Payment and any other planned payments for each Commissioner for the relevant Contract Year, as set out in the 2026/27 NHS Payment Scheme.*

#### **Advice and guidance activity**

*Include a table setting out, for each applicable Commissioner, the level of advice and guidance activity which the Provider is expected to deliver during the relevant Contract Year. This is the level against which actual advice and guidance activity will be measured in year, with adjustments to payment being made as described in guidance issued by NHS England as referred to in the Aligned Payment and Incentive Rules.*

#### **Locally agreed adjustments**

*Any locally agreed adjustments to the price(s) payable under these Aligned Payment and Incentive Rules which have been agreed between a Commissioner and the Provider and approved by NHS England under rule 3, as referred to in SC36.3.2 should be included in this Schedule, in the appropriate format.*

*Templates for locally-agreed adjustments are available at <https://www.england.nhs.uk/pay-syst/nhs-payment-scheme/>*

#### **Link to Schedule 3D (Expected Annual Contract Values Schedule)**

*The separate Expected Annual Contract Values Schedule (Schedule 3D) must be completed in a way which is consistent with this Schedule 3A. The Schedule 3D (Expected Annual Contract Values Schedule) should:*

- *include the Aligned Payment and Incentive Fixed Payment for each applicable Commissioner, including the additional planned payments listed above;*
- ~~*include an appropriate allowance for the expected volume of elective activity;*~~
- *allow for any locally agreed adjustment agreed and approved under API rule 3;*
- *where any of the exceptions under API rules 4 and 5 apply, include an appropriate allowance for the expected level of payment for the relevant Services in the relevant Contract Year, reflecting the expected Activity level included for those Services in the Indicative Activity Plan (Schedule 2B); and*
- *where any of the exceptions under API rules 4 and 5 apply, include an appropriate allowance for the expected level of payment for the relevant Services in the relevant Contract Year, reflecting the expected Activity level included for those Services in the Indicative Activity Plan (Schedule 2B).*

## SCHEDULE 3 – PAYMENT

### B. Locally Agreed Adjustments to NHS Payment Scheme Unit Prices

**Insert template; delete the italicised guidance notes below; insert any additional text and/or attach spreadsheets or documents locally or state Not Applicable**

*For each Locally Agreed Adjustment to NHS Payment Scheme Unit Prices (see SC36.4.1.2 and rule 3 of section 6 of the NHS Payment Scheme for further details) which has been agreed for this Contract, copy or attach the completed publication template required by NHS England, or state Not Applicable. Additional locally agreed detail may be included as necessary by attaching further documents or spreadsheets.*

*NOTE: locally agreed adjustments to price(s) payable under the Aligned Payment and Incentive Rules must be recorded in Schedule 3A, not here.*

*Templates for locally-agreed adjustments are available at <https://www.england.nhs.uk/paysyst/nhs-payment-scheme/>*

## SCHEDULE 3 – PAYMENT

### C. Local Prices

**Delete the italicised guidance notes below; insert text and/or attach spreadsheets or documents locally or state Not Applicable**

*Enter text below which, for each Service subject to a separate Local Price (see SC36.6 – 36.10 and section 7 of the NHS Payment Scheme for further details):*

- *identifies the Service*
- *describes any currencies to be used to measure activity*
- *describes the basis on which payment is to be made (that is, whether dependent on activity, quality or outcomes (and if so how), a block payment, or made on any other basis)*
- *sets out the agreed Local Price for the first Contract Year*
- *sets out the agreed Local Price and/or any agreed regime for adjustment of the agreed Local Price for the second and any subsequent Contract Year(s)*

*And*

- *where necessary, include a table setting out agreed prices for any of the high cost drugs, devices and listed products and listed innovative products shown in Annex A of the NHS Payment Scheme, in accordance with the “Excluded items pricing rule” at section 3.4 of the NHS Payment Scheme.*

## SCHEDULE 3 – PAYMENT

### D. Expected Annual Contract Values

**Delete the italicised guidance notes below; state Expected Annual Contract Value (include separate values for each of one or more Contract Years, as required) or state Not Applicable**

*(See SC36.12-13: specify the proportion of the Expected Annual Contract Value to be invoiced/paid via Invoice Payment File approach each month, if that is to be anything other than one twelfth of the Expected Annual Contract Value.)*

*(In order to be able to demonstrate compliance with the Mental Health Investment Standard, ensure that the indicative values for the relevant services are identified separately below. Guidance on the definitions which apply in relation to the Mental Health Investment Standard is available at: <https://www.england.nhs.uk/publication/mental-health-investment-standard-mhis-categories-of-mental-health-expenditure/>.)*

*(For Trust contracts operating under the Aligned Payment and Incentive (API) rules, show a breakdown of the EACV for each Commissioner as follows:*

- *the The total fixed payment under API as set out in the table at Schedule 3A = A*
- *the amount included, if relevant, in respect of Services Paid for on an Activity Basis = B*
- *sub-total = A+B*

*any agreed allowance for excluded items = C*

*overall EACV = A+B+C*

*The amount included for Services Paid for on an Activity Basis should be consistent with the volume of activity set out in the Indicative Activity Plan, multiplied by the relevant Unit Price (plus the relevant Market Forces Factor adjustment and any applicable specialist top-ups) or by the relevant Local Price.*

*Identify clearly those individual Commissioner/Trust relationships for which the sub-total above (A+B) is £10m or more; for these relationships, the threshold for CQUIN to apply is met. The CQUIN financial incentive is “active” in that relationship and will then be transacted in accordance with the CQUIN indicators in Schedule 3F and the process in SC38. (Note that NHS England is considering a “pause” to the nationally mandated CQUIN incentive scheme for 2025/26. Any pause is subject to the separate consultation on the NHS Payment Scheme.)*

*(For contracts with non-NHS providers, for Services Paid for on an Activity Basis, the EACV should again normally be consistent with the volume of activity set out in the Indicative Activity Plan, multiplied by the relevant Unit Price (plus the relevant Market Forces Factor adjustment and any applicable specialist top-ups) or by the relevant Local Price.)*

## **SCHEDULE 3 – PAYMENT**

### **E. Timing and Amounts of Payments in First and/or Final Contract Year**

**Where required under SC36.15-16, insert text and/or attach spreadsheets or  
documents locally or state Not Applicable**

## SCHEDULE 3 – PAYMENT

### F. CQUIN

~~If a “pause” to CQUIN for 2025/26 is confirmed following NHS England’s separate consultation on the NHS Payment Scheme, mark this Schedule as “Not Applicable” in all cases for 2025/26.~~

CQUIN is “paused” for 2026/27; this Schedule should be marked ‘Not Applicable’ in all cases.

## SCHEDULE 4 – LOCAL AND LOCALLY-AGREED QUALITY REQUIREMENTS

Refer to s15.11 of the Contract Technical Guidance. If the contract has been procured under the Procurement Act 2023 and has a contract value of above £5m (inclusive of VAT), you will need to include at least three Local Quality Requirements ('KPIs' under the Procurement Act) unless the contract is a light-touch contract under section 9 of the Procurement Act. You need to publish these Local Quality Requirements, and then assess the Provider's performance against them at least annually, and on expiry or termination of the contract. Please refer to Guidance: Key Performance indicators at <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/procurement-act-2023-guidance-documents-manage-phase/guidance-key-performance-indicators-html> and if necessary, take legal advice.

Where a different threshold for a National Quality Requirement has been agreed with NHS England as part of the annual planning round, the Commissioner must add this threshold to Schedule 4B (National Quality Requirements with Locally-agreed Thresholds) and this threshold will take precedence over the threshold in Annex A (National Quality Requirements) of the Service Conditions.

**SCHEDULE 4 – LOCAL AND LOCALLY-AGREED QUALITY REQUIREMENTS****A. Local Quality Requirements**

	Quality Requirement	Threshold	Method of measurement	Period over which the requirement is to be achieved	Applicable Service Specification
1	Insert text and/or attach spreadsheet or documents locally in respect of one or more Contract Years or state Not Applicable				
2					
3					
4					
5					

## SCHEDULE 4 – LOCAL AND LOCALLY-AGREED QUALITY REQUIREMENTS

### B. National Quality Requirements with Locally-agreed Thresholds

<u>National Quality Requirement</u>	<u>Threshold</u>	<u>Guidance on definition</u>	<u>Period over which the Requirement is to be achieved</u>	<u>Service category</u>
<u>Percentage of Service Users on incomplete RTT pathways (yet to start treatment) waiting no more than 18 weeks from Referral</u>		See RTT Rules Suite and Recording and Reporting FAQs at: <a href="https://www.england.nhs.uk/statistics/statistical-work-areas/rtt-waiting-times/rtt-guidance/">https://www.england.nhs.uk/statistics/statistical-work-areas/rtt-waiting-times/rtt-guidance/</a>	<u>Month</u>	<u>A, CS, MH</u>
<u>Percentage of Service Users waiting less than 6 weeks from Referral for a diagnostic test (DM01)</u>		See Diagnostics Definitions and Diagnostics FAQs at: <a href="https://www.england.nhs.uk/statistics/statistical-work-areas/diagnostics-waiting-times-and-activity/monthly-diagnostics-waiting-times-and-activity/">https://www.england.nhs.uk/statistics/statistical-work-areas/diagnostics-waiting-times-and-activity/monthly-diagnostics-waiting-times-and-activity/</a>	<u>Month</u>	<u>A, CS, CR, D</u>
<u>Waits in A+E from arrival to discharge, admission or transfer (percentage waiting more than 12 hours)</u>		See Contract Technical Guidance Appendix 2 at: <a href="https://www.england.nhs.uk/nhs-standard-contract/">https://www.england.nhs.uk/nhs-standard-contract/</a>	<u>Month</u>	<u>A+E</u>
<u>Category 2 (emergency) incidents – mean time taken for an appropriate response to arrive</u>		See AQI System Indicator Specification at: <a href="https://www.england.nhs.uk/statistics/statistical-work-areas/ambulance-quality-indicators/">https://www.england.nhs.uk/statistics/statistical-work-areas/ambulance-quality-indicators/</a>	<u>Year</u>	<u>AM</u>
<u>Handovers between ambulance and hospitals, A+E departments or Urgent Treatment Centres ('release to rescue')</u>		See Urgent and emergency care plan 2025/26 at: <a href="https://www.england.nhs.uk/publication/urgent-and-emergency-care-plan-2025-26/">https://www.england.nhs.uk/publication/urgent-and-emergency-care-plan-2025-26/</a>	<u>Year</u>	<u>A, A+E, U</u>

## SCHEDULE 5 – GOVERNANCE

### A. Documents Relied On

#### Documents supplied by Provider

Date	Document
Insert text locally or state Not Applicable	

#### Documents supplied by Commissioners

Date	Document
Insert text locally or state Not Applicable	

**SCHEDULE 5 - GOVERNANCE****B. Provider's Material Sub-Contracts**

Sub-Contractor [Name] [Registered Office] [Company number]	Service Description	Start date/expiry date	Processing Personal Data – Yes/No	If the Sub-Contractor is processing Personal Data, state whether the Sub- Contractor is a Data Processor OR a Data Controller OR a joint Data Controller
Insert text locally or state Not Applicable				

## **SCHEDULE 5 - GOVERNANCE**

### **C. Commissioner Roles and Responsibilities**

<b>Co-ordinating Commissioner/Commissioner</b>	<b>Role/Responsibility</b>
Insert text locally or state Not Applicable	

## SCHEDULE 6 – CONTRACT MANAGEMENT, REPORTING AND INFORMATION REQUIREMENTS

### A. Reporting Requirements

	National Requirements Reported Centrally	Reporting Period	Format of Report	Timing and Method for delivery of Report	Service category
<b>1</b>	As specified in the Schedule of Approved Collections published at: <a href="https://digital.nhs.uk/data-and-information/information-standards/governance/latest-activity/nhs-standard-contract-approved-collections">https://digital.nhs.uk/data-and-information/information-standards/governance/latest-activity/nhs-standard-contract-approved-collections</a> where mandated for and as applicable to the Provider and the Services	As set out in relevant Guidance	As set out in relevant Guidance	As set out in relevant Guidance	<b>All</b>
<b>1a</b>	Without prejudice to 1 above, daily submissions of timely Emergency Care Data Sets, in accordance with DAPB0092-2062 and with detailed requirements published at: <a href="https://digital.nhs.uk/data-and-information/information-standards/governance/latest-activity/standards-and-collections/dapb0092-2062-commissioning-data-sets-emergency-care-data-set/">https://digital.nhs.uk/data-and-information/information-standards/governance/latest-activity/standards-and-collections/dapb0092-2062-commissioning-data-sets-emergency-care-data-set/</a>	As set out in relevant Guidance	As set out in relevant Guidance	Daily	<b>A+E, U</b>
<b>2</b>	Patient Reported Outcome Measures (PROMS) <a href="https://digital.nhs.uk/data-and-information/data-tools-and-services/data-services/patient-reported-outcome-measures-proms">https://digital.nhs.uk/data-and-information/data-tools-and-services/data-services/patient-reported-outcome-measures-proms</a>	As set out in relevant Guidance	As set out in relevant Guidance	As set out in relevant Guidance	<b>All</b>

	National Requirements Reported Locally	Reporting Period	Format of Report	Timing and Method for delivery of Report	Service category
<b>1a</b>	Activity and Finance ( <a href="#">Contract Monitoring</a> ) Report	Monthly	In the format specified in the relevant Information Standards Notice (DCB2050), <a href="#">DCB3003</a> , <a href="#">DCB2212</a> , <a href="#">DCB3002</a> ) at:  <a href="https://digital.nhs.uk/data-and-information/information-standards/governance/latest-activity/standards-and-collections/contract-monitoring/">https://digital.nhs.uk/data-and-information/information-standards/governance/latest-activity/standards-and-collections/contract-monitoring/</a>	[For local agreement]	<b>A, MH</b>
<b>1b</b>	Activity and Finance Report	Monthly	[For local agreement]	[For local agreement]	<b>All except A, MH</b>
<b>2</b>	Service Quality Performance Report, detailing performance against National Quality Requirements, Local Quality Requirements and the duty of candour, including, without limitation:	Monthly	[For local agreement]	Within 15 Operational Days of the end of the month to which it relates	
<b>2a</b>	details of any thresholds that have been breached and breaches in respect of the duty of candour that have occurred;				<b>All</b>
<b>2b</b>	details of all requirements satisfied;				<b>All</b>
<b>2c</b>	details of, and reasons for, any failure to meet requirements				<b>All</b>
<b>3</b>	Where CQUIN applies, CQUIN Performance Report and details of progress towards satisfying any CQUIN Indicators, including details of all CQUIN Indicators satisfied or not satisfied	[For local agreement]	[For local agreement]	[For local agreement]	<b>All</b>
<b>4</b>	Complaints monitoring report, setting out numbers of complaints received and including analysis of key themes in content of complaints	[For local agreement]	[For local agreement]	[For local agreement]	<b>All</b>

<b>5</b>	Report against performance of Service Development and Improvement Plan (SDIP)	In accordance with relevant SDIP	In accordance with relevant SDIP	In accordance with relevant SDIP	<b>All</b>
<b>6</b>	Summary report setting out relevant information on Patient Safety Incidents and the progress of and outcomes from Patient Safety Investigations, as agreed with the Co-ordinating Commissioner	Monthly	[For local agreement]	[For local agreement]	<b>All</b>
<b>7</b>	Data Quality Improvement Plan: report of progress against milestones	In accordance with relevant DQIP	In accordance with relevant DQIP	In accordance with relevant DQIP	<b>All</b>
<b>8</b>	Report on outcome of reviews and evaluations in relation to Staff numbers and skill mix in accordance with GC5.2 (Staff)	Annually (or more frequently if and as required by the Co-ordinating Commissioner from time to time)	[For local agreement]	[For local agreement]	<b>All</b>
<b>9</b>	Where the Services include Specialised Services and/or other services directly commissioned by NHS England (or commissioned by an ICB, where NHS England has delegated the function of commissioning those services), specific reports as set out at  <a href="https://www.england.nhs.uk/nhs-standard-contract/dc-reporting/">https://www.england.nhs.uk/nhs-standard-contract/dc-reporting/</a>  (where not otherwise required to be submitted as a national requirement reported centrally or locally)	As set out at <a href="https://www.england.nhs.uk/nhs-standard-contract/dc-reporting/">https://www.england.nhs.uk/nhs-standard-contract/dc-reporting/</a>	As set out at <a href="https://www.england.nhs.uk/nhs-standard-contract/dc-reporting/">https://www.england.nhs.uk/nhs-standard-contract/dc-reporting/</a>	As set out at <a href="https://www.england.nhs.uk/nhs-standard-contract/dc-reporting/">https://www.england.nhs.uk/nhs-standard-contract/dc-reporting/</a>	<b>All</b>
<b>10</b>	Report on progress against Green Plan in accordance with SC18.2 (NHS Trust/FT only)	Annually	[For local agreement]	[For local agreement]	<b>All</b>

	Local Requirements Reported Locally	Reporting Period	Format of Report	Timing and Method for delivery of Report	Service category
1	<b>Insert as agreed locally or state Not Applicable</b>			<p>The Provider must submit any patient-identifiable data required in relation to Local Requirements Reported Locally via the Data Landing Portal in accordance with the Data Landing Portal Acceptable Use Statement.</p> <p>[Otherwise, for local agreement]</p>	

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### B. Data Quality Improvement Plans

*This is a non-mandatory model template for population locally. Commissioners may retain the structure below, or may determine their own. Refer to s43 of the Contract Technical Guidance [for details of the DQIP below, which is required where the Provider is not currently compliant with SC28.18.](#)*

	Data Quality Indicator	Data Quality Threshold	Method of Measurement	Milestone Date
1	<b>Flex and freeze data – this DQIP should set out the steps the Provider will take to reduce variability between first and final reconciliation to the levels set out in SC28.18.</b> <del>Delete the italicised guidance notes above; insert text locally or state Not Applicable</del>			
2	<b><u>Delete the italicised guidance notes above; insert text locally or state Not Applicable</u></b>			
3				
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### C. Service Development and Improvement Plans

*This is a non-mandatory model template for population locally. Commissioners may retain the structure below, or may determine their own. Refer to s41 of the Contract Technical Guidance for recommended topics for SDIPs.*

		Milestones	Timescales	Expected Benefit
4	<u>[Paediatric Hearing Services Improvement Programme – IQIPS accreditation]</u>			
21	<u>[Staff training in asthma care for children and young people in accordance with the National Capability Framework for the care of children and young people with asthma]</u>  <u>UK Standard for Microbiology Investigations Syndromic 12 - this SDIP should set out the steps the provider will take to ensure full and ongoing compliance with the UK Standard for Microbiology Investigations Syndromic 12 by no later than 31st March 2027.</u>			
32	<u>[Autism assessment pathway in accordance with the national framework and operational guidance for autism assessment services]</u>  <u>C. difficile infection (CDI) ascertainment – this SDIP should set targets for each provider to achieve compliance with the national guidance requirements by 31 March 2027.</u>			
43	Delete the italicised guidance notes above; insert text locally or state Not Applicable.			
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### D. Surveys

Type of Survey	Frequency	Method of Reporting	Method of Publication
Friends and Family Test (where required in accordance with FFT Guidance)	As required by FFT Guidance	As required by FFT Guidance	As required by FFT Guidance
National Quarterly Pulse Survey (NQPS) (if the Provider is an NHS Trust or an NHS Foundation Trust)	As required by NQPS Guidance	As required by NQPS Guidance	As required by NQPS Guidance
Staff Survey (appropriate NHS staff surveys where required by Staff Survey Guidance) <b>[Other]</b> <b>[Insert further description locally]</b>	As required by Staff Survey Guidance	As required by Staff Survey Guidance	As required by Staff Survey Guidance
[Other insert locally (for example, Service User Survey, Carer Survey)]			

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### E. Data Processing Services

The Provider will act as a Data Processor on behalf of one or more of the Commissioners for the purposes of this Contract.

These are the Data Processing Services to be performed by the Provider, as referred to in the Provider Data Processing Agreement set out in Annex B to the Service Conditions.

#### Processing, Personal Data and Data Subjects

1. The Provider must comply with any further written instructions with respect to processing issued by the Co-ordinating Commissioner.
2. Any such further instructions will be deemed to be incorporated into this Schedule.

Description	Details
Commissioner(s) for which Data Processing Services are to be performed	<i>[Indicate ALL or list relevant Commissioner(s)]</i>
Subject matter of the processing	<i>[This should be a high level, short description of what the processing is about i.e. its subject matter]</i>
Duration of the processing	<i>[Clearly set out the duration of the processing including dates]</i>
Nature and purposes of the processing	<i>[Please be as specific as possible, but make sure that you cover all intended purposes. The nature of the processing means any operation such as collection, recording, organisation, structuring, storage, adaptation or alteration, retrieval, consultation, use, disclosure by transmission, dissemination or otherwise making available, alignment or combination, restriction, erasure or destruction of data (whether or not by automated means) etc. The purpose might include: employment processing, statutory obligation, recruitment assessment etc]</i>
Type of Personal Data	<i>[Examples here include: name, address, date of birth, NI number, telephone number, pay, images, biometric data etc]</i>
Categories of Data Subject	<i>[Examples include: Staff (including volunteers, agents, and temporary workers), Co-ordinating Commissioners / clients, suppliers, patients, students / pupils, members of the public, users of a particular website etc]</i>
Plan for return and destruction of the data once the processing is complete UNLESS requirement under law to preserve that type of data	<i>[Describe how long the data will be retained for, how it be returned or destroyed]</i>

Or state Not Applicable

## SCHEDULE 7 – PENSIONS

Insert text locally (from 'NHS Standard Contract Fair Deal for Staff Pensions Draft Template Schedule 7 and Accompanying Guidance' <http://www.england.nhs.uk/nhs-standard-contract/>) or state Not Applicable

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