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Dear Colleague

NHS England – North (Yorkshire and The Humber) is preparing to update practice contracts as follows:

1. PMS Practices

As part of the PMS Equitable Funding Review, we need to agree revised contracts with practices w.e.f. 1st October 2015. This will be achieved by issuing a covering variation that will comprise:

- An up to date PMS document (tailored to individual practices) using the current national NHS England published template - <http://www.england.nhs.uk/commissioning/wp-content/uploads/sites/12/2015/06/pms2015-16.pdf> - together with any other consequential changes to the PMS Regulations;
- An updated financial schedule based on information previously shared with individual practices;
- Any agreed PMS objectives for 2015/16.

A member of the primary care team will start to contact PMS practices in the near future to review key practice information held on file that will support population of the updated contract documentation. A complete set of draft PMS contract information will then be sent to individual PMS practices to review and agree.

The exception to the above will be where a fully delegated CCG has elected to take forward this work themselves. At this point our understanding is that Bradford City CCG, Bradford Districts CCG and Wakefield CCG will be doing so.

As the necessary practice review and signing of contact documentation will take place after 1st October 2015, the effective date will still remain and any consequential revised PMS payment changes will be back dated to this date. However we will not plan to initiate the consequential reduction in PMS funding (e.g. 25% reduction of non-recurrent support – part year effect) until

reduction in NHS funding (e.g. 25% reduction of non-recurrent support – part year effect) until contracts have been agreed/signed.

2. GMS Practices

At the same time, we also plan to conclude a piece of work previously started to ensure that each GMS practice is issued with an up to date GMS document. This exercise was commenced with the support of the LMCs in West Yorkshire. Again this will be achieved by issuing a covering variation that will comprise:

- An up to date GMS document (tailored to individual practices) using the current national NHS England published template - <http://www.england.nhs.uk/commissioning/wp-content/uploads/sites/12/2015/06/gms-2015-16.pdf>

Practices were previously contacted to check information held to support population of contract documentation. A complete set of draft GMS contract information will be sent to individual GMS practices to review and agree.

I hope this update is helpful, but if you have any queries please let me know.

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