Prototype contract arrangements

- NHS England remains signatories to and commissioners of contacts held by prototype practices
- Prototype arrangements are enacted by a variation to the standard GDS Contract & PDS Agreement
- Prototype agreements can only be entered into with the approval of the Secretary of State for Health
- A contract variation notice is agreed and signed between NHS England local office and prototype practices to enable them to participate in the dental contract reform (DCR) programme
Standard GDS Contracts Variation Notice for participation in the Prototype Agreements Scheme – November 2015

New - Part 5A Prototype agreement
  • Agreement to enter prototype
  • Temporarily suspends clauses in Standard GDS Contract

New - Part 25 Terms and conditions of the prototype agreement
  • Duration: Clause 386
  • Variation: Clauses 390 – 391
  • Termination: Clauses 392 – 396
  • Records and information: 401 – 404
  • Breach: Clause 406
  • Interim care course of treatment: Clause 407
  • Capitated patient: Clauses 410 – 411
  • Capitation and activity performance: Clauses 412 – 414
  • Provision of services: Clauses 415 – 419 (Tables A/B/C)
  • Variation (rebasing): Clauses 420 – 422
  • Values and services: Schedule 1A/1B
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New - Part 5A Prototype agreement
- Agreement to enter prototype
- Temporarily suspends clauses in Standard PDS Agreement

New - Part 25 Terms and conditions of the prototype agreement
- Duration: Clause 364
- Variation: Clauses 368 – 369
- Termination: Clauses 370 - 374
- Records and information : 379 - 381
- Breach: Clause 383
- Interim care course of treatment: Clause 384
- Capitated patient: Clauses 387 - 388
- Capitation and activity performance: Clauses 389 - 391
- Provision of services: Clauses 391 – 396 (Tables A/B/C)
- Variation (rebasing): Clauses 397 - 399
- Values and services: Schedule 1A/1B/1C
Statement of financial entitlements

• A specific Prototype SFE applies
• Details include:
  • Contract value calculations
  • Stayed UDAs
  • Allowance for the anticipated reduction in UDA delivery
  • Under performance limit of 90%
  • Details of the exchange mechanism
Patient charges

• Charges are the same as for GDS / PDS
• Additional band of treatment - Band 1A (Band 1 charge)
  – Unique to prototypes
  – Interim care appointment
  – Covers the additional advice and preventive treatment which is planned at the oral health assessment or oral health review
  – Only carries a patient charge if intervention is provided
  – There is no patient charge for advice only appointments
Contract changes

• Prototype practices should have same opportunities as other local practices
• All discussions are held between NHS England local office and practice
• Any changes to mandatory services must reflect changes to capitation and activity measures
• Types of changes could be
  – Non-recurrent funding
  – Recurrent funding
• All non mandatory schemes follow same process as now