

Update on Contracting/Planning for 2019/20

1. Introduction

This paper provides a brief update to the Governing Body on the planning and contracting round for 2019/20. The December Joint Committee of CCGs agreed the governance, principles, objectives and timetable underpinning the NWL system for the 2019/20 contracting round. These proposals were shaped by the joint planning letter from the Chief Executives of NHSE and NHSI issued in October 2018. At the time of writing, we are awaiting the issue of further national planning guidance for 2019/20 and CCG allocations, both expected prior to Christmas. Provider control totals are expected in the New Year.

The purpose of this paper is to provide

1. A summary of requirements up to 14th January
2. Likely further guidance and next steps.

2. A summary of planning requirements up to 14th January 2019

STPs are required to make two submissions by 14th January:

1. Commissioner and provider views on forecast outturns for 2018/19 by 20th December, which is an update on the submission of 22nd November.
2. a first high-level activity system plan for the 2019/20 submission by 14th January covering activity and capacity plans for:
 - **Referrals**—GP and Other
 - **Outpatients** – first and follow up attendances, and outpatient procedures
 - **Elective Admissions** – day case and ordinary
 - **Non-elective Admissions** – zero and 1+ Length of Stay
 - **A&E attendances** –Type 1 and other

Providers will also be asked for plans for bed numbers.

In line with the October planning letter, commissioners and providers will be expected to work as a system in a collaborative and open way to achieve aligned plans.

The Business Planning and Recovery Group (BPRG) will oversee the completion of the January submission reporting to the SMT and Joint Committee. Providers will have input through the CFO Forum and the joint submission will be overseen by the Partnership Operational Group.

We have a very tight timeline to complete this submission. Regulators will be looking for alignment within a system and comparing to national forecast outturns and assumptions around growth. The BPRG and CFO Forum will consider NWL wide methodology for forecast outturn, growth assumptions and transformation (QIPP). The submission will not kick off contract negotiations but be a starting point for more

detailed planning and contracting once planning guidance, CCG allocations and Trust control totals become available.

3. Further national guidance

The planning guidance is expected to be published before Christmas. The long term plan will be published in the New Year and the revised tariff in March, with a target of all contracts to be agreed by 21st March 2019. 2019/20 will be a transitional year to a new financial architecture, establishment of integrated care systems (ICS) and further progress on the Five Year Forward View. The planning guidance is likely to cover ICS development, changes to contract payment mechanisms, national growth requirements for urgent and planned care and mental health investment standards.

4. Next steps

We expect to submit an aligned commissioner and provider planning submission on 14th January 2019. In early January, CCGs and Trusts should agree the 2018/19 outturn, including resolution of current disputes. Where this cannot be achieved a dispute resolution process will be invoked. At the 11th January CFO meeting, the assumptions made in the planning submission will be reviewed in the light of planning guidance, CCG allocations, Trust control totals and contract negotiations for 2019/20 will then start. CFOs will also consider an aligned approach on community and mental health contracts and a proposed operating model for contract round.

Recommendations will be brought to BPRG and the next Joint Committee with regular updates in between.