

NHS contract developments for England. What next?

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8th June onwards: back to face-to-face

- Continued 1/12th contractual payments
- No abatement – recognising higher costs (PPE in particular)
- Open for face-to-face care, NHS contractual hours with reasonable staffing levels and performing the ‘highest possible levels of activity’, no undue priority given to private activity
- No measurement against UDAs
- Delivering at least 20% of usual volumes of patient care activity to receive full contract value
- Patient care activity includes all clinical contact of dentists or dental care professionals either face to face, by telephone or video consultation counted by the BSA via completed courses of treatment or via the COVID-19 triage portal
- Reference period from 20th July – compared to same period last year
- Same requirement to pay all staff, including associates, non-clinical and others at previous NHS levels

Quarters three and four 2020/21

- Early stages of discussion for the rest of the year
- Looking to keep it simple
- We know that payment based on UDAs, or other full activity measures, is just unrealistic
- Want to see a framework based on trust
- We have the opportunity to earn that now
- Key issues for NHS England likely to be access (children and adults; fee paying and non fee paying)
- Reducing health inequalities (potentially local initiatives in line with national templates/initiatives)
- Prevention (focus on prevention activities, local or national)
- Think there is a way to achieve those aims in a simple framework

The future

- What we do now and in the rest of this financial year could shape the NHS contract for years to come
- There is an opportunity here to embed a framework high on trust and low on activity measurement
- We share ambitions around a prevention and access-based framework
- Where does dental contract reform fit in? Valuable learning and fundamental values around prevention and the clinical pathway still very relevant
- Let's get this right. Please, no return to UDAs...

Over to you now!

- Thoughts, concepts, principles, new ideas welcome please.
- A list of questions.... another time!!
- As many new contributions please.
- Feel free to use the chat bar.

- Thank you for listening!



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