

SCHEDULE 1

CONTENT OF AGREEMENTS

PART 10

QUALITY

Duty to participate in quality arrangements

86.—(1) Subject to paragraph 87, the provider must meaningfully participate in quality arrangements.

(2) The provider must nominate a person who will be a Practice Quality Lead for the purpose of—

- (a) their cluster membership; and
- (b) attending meetings of the provider’s cluster.

(3) The person nominated under sub-paragraph (2) must be a general medical practitioner who performs services under the agreement.

(4) In this paragraph and paragraph 87—

“cluster” means a group of practices where each practice is represented by a Practice Quality Lead;

“Cluster Quality Lead” means a person who is a member of a cluster that is appointed by a Health Board to represent that cluster to the Health Board;

“meaningfully participate” means, as a minimum—

- (a) ensuring that all members of the provider’s practice supply the Practice Quality Lead with any requested information;
- (b) considering practice quality data with the support and direction of the Practice Quality Lead; and
- (c) having regard to any quality improvement measures proposed by the provider’s cluster; and

“Practice Quality Lead” means a medical practitioner nominated by a provider to represent the provider’s practice to the cluster; and

“quality arrangements” means the proceedings and arrangements specified in directions by the Scottish Ministers made under section 2(5) of the Act.

Quality arrangements

87.—(1) The provider and the provider’s practice must comply with the quality arrangements as determined by and with the support of the Practice Quality Lead and with any further conditions relating to quality set out in directions given by Scottish Ministers under section 2(5) of the Act.

(2) The Practice Quality Lead must spend a minimum of two sessions a month in pursuance of their role and regularly attend meetings of the provider’s cluster.

(3) Where a Health Board is considering appointing a Cluster Quality Lead, that Health Board must consult a Practice Quality Lead who is a member of that cluster prior to offering an appointment.

(4) Where a cluster determines that a provider is failing to meaningfully participate in quality arrangements it must arrange for the provider to receive supportive measures that enable the provider to meet their duties under this paragraph and paragraph 88.

Changes to legislation:

There are currently no known outstanding effects for the The National Health Service (Primary Medical Services Section 17C Agreements) (Scotland) Regulations 2018, PART 10.