SCHEDULE 6

OTHER CONTRACTUAL TERMS

PART 2

PATIENTS

Factors relevant to assignments

34. In making an assignment to a contractor under paragraph 32 or 33, the Primary Care Trust shall have regard to—

(a) the wishes and circumstances of the patient to be assigned;

(b) the distance between the patient's place of residence and the contractor's practice premises;

(c) whether, during the six months ending on the date on which the application for assignment is received by the Primary Care Trust, the patient's name has been removed from the list of patients of any contractor in the area of the Primary Care Trust under paragraph 20 or its equivalent provision in relation to a section 28C provider in the area of the Primary Care Trust;

(d) whether the patient's name has been removed from the list of patients of any contractor in the area of the Primary Care Trust under paragraph 21 or its equivalent provision in relation to a section 28C provider in the area of the Primary Care Trust and, if so, whether the contractor has appropriate facilities to deal with such a patient;

(e) such other matters as the Primary Care Trust considers to be relevant.