

SCHEDULE 5

Terms of service of NHS appliance contractors

Inducements etc.

20.—(1) An NHS appliance contractor (C) (including C's staff) must not give, promise or offer to any person any gift or reward (whether by way of a share of or dividend on the profits of the business or by way of discount or rebate or otherwise) as an inducement to or in consideration of a person (X)—

- (a) presenting an order for appliances on a prescription form or repeatable prescription; or
- (b) nominating C as X's dispensing contractor (or one of them) in X's PDS patient details.

(2) Promising, offering or providing a home delivery service is not a gift or reward for the purposes of sub-paragraph (1).

(3) C (including C's staff) must not accept or receive any gift or reward in respect of only—

- (a) providing contact details of alternative NHS pharmacists or NHS appliance contractors pursuant to paragraph 9(2)(b), 11(4) or 12(1)(b); or
- (b) referring a prescription form or repeatable prescription to another NHS appliance contractor or NHS pharmacist pursuant to paragraph 9(2)(a) or 12(1)(a) and providing no additional service in connection with the item on that prescription.