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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**2019 No. 1137**

**The National Health Service (General Medical Services Contracts and Personal Medical Services Agreements) (Amendment) Regulations 2019**

**PART 3**

**Amendment of the PMS Agreements Regulations**

**Insertion of new paragraph 10A to Part 1 of Schedule 2 to the PMS Agreements Regulations**

**28.** After paragraph 10 to Part 1 of Schedule 2 to the PMS Agreements Regulations (duty of co-operation), insert—

**“Duty of co-operation: Primary Care Networks**

**10A.**—(1) A contractor must comply with the requirements in sub-paragraph (2) where it is—

- (a) signed up to the Network Contract Directed Enhanced Scheme (“the Scheme”); or
  - (b) not signed up to the Scheme but its registered patients or temporary residents, are provided with services under the Scheme (“the services”)(1) by a contractor which is a member of a primary care network.
- (2) The requirements specified in this sub-paragraph are that the contractor must—
- (a) co-operate, in so far as is reasonable, with any person responsible for the provision of the services;
  - (b) comply in core hours with any reasonable request for information from such a person or from the Board relating to the provision of the services;
  - (c) have due regard to guidance published by the Board(2);
  - (d) participate in primary care network meetings, in so far as is reasonable;
  - (e) take reasonable steps to provide information to its registered patients about the services, including information on how to access the services and any changes to them; and
  - (f) ensure that it has in place suitable arrangements to enable the sharing of data to support the delivery of the services, business administration and analysis activities.

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(1) The Network Contract Directed Enhanced Service Contract Specification is available at: <https://www.england.nhs.uk/gp/gp-fv/investment/gp-contract/>. Hard copies are available from New Business Models team, NHS England, Area 2D, Skipton House, 80 London Road, London, SE1 6HL.

(2) The Board’s guidance is published at <https://www.england.nhs.uk/publication/network-contract-directed-enhanced-service-des-guidance-2019-20/>. Hard copies may be obtained by writing to New Business Models team, NHS England, Area 2D, Skipton House, 80 London Road, London, SE1 6HL.

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(3) For the purposes of this paragraph, “primary care network” means a network of contractors and other providers of services which has been approved by the Board, serving an identified geographical area with a minimum population of 30,000 people.”.