

SCHEDULE 1

Amendment of the National Health Service (General Medical Services Contracts) Regulations 2015

PART 6

Other minor amendments

Transfer of patient records: time limits

27. After regulation 69, insert—

“Transfer of patient records between GP practices: time limits

69A.—(1) This regulation applies where—

- (a) a patient on a contractor’s list of patients has registered with another provider of primary medical services, and
- (b) the contractor receives a request from that provider for the complete records relating to that patient.

(2) The contractor must, before the end of the period of 28 days beginning with the day on which it receives the request from the provider—

- (a) send the complete records (other than any part of the records held only in paper form) to the provider via the GP2GP facility in accordance with regulation 69, and
- (b) send to the Board in accordance with regulation 67(5A), the complete records, or any part of the records—
 - (i) for which the contractor does not receive a confirmation, or
 - (ii) held only in paper form.

(3) In this regulation—

“confirmation”, in relation to records sent via the GP2GP facility, means confirmation of safe and effective transfer via that facility;

“GPG2P facility” has the same meaning as in paragraph (2) of regulation 69.”.