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SCHEDULE 3

Other contractual terms

PART 3

Lists of patients: closure etc.

Approval of an application to close a list of patients

34.—(1) Where [F1NHS England] approves an application to close a contractor's list of patients, [F1NHS England] must—

- (a) give notice in writing to the contractor of its decision as soon as possible and the notice (“the closure notice”) must include the details specified in sub-paragraph (2); and
- (b) at the same time as [F1NHS England] gives notice to the contractor, send a copy of the closure notice to—
 - (i) the Local Medical Committee (if any) for the area in which the contractor provides services under the contract, and
 - (ii) any person who [F1NHS England] consulted in accordance with paragraph 33(8).

(2) The closure notice must include—

- (a) the period of time for which the contractor's list of patients is to be closed which must be—
 - (i) the period specified in the application, or
 - (ii) where [F1NHS England] and the contractor have agreed in writing to a different period, that different period,and, in either case, the period must not be less than three months and not more than 12 months;
- (b) the date on which the closure of the list of patients is to take effect (“the closure date”); and
- (c) the date on which the list of patients is to re-open.

(3) Subject to paragraph 37, a contractor must close its list of patients with effect from the closure date and the list of patients must remain closed for the duration of the closure period as specified in the closure notice.

Textual Amendments

- F1** Words in Regulations substituted (6.11.2023) by [The Health and Care Act 2022 \(Further Consequential Amendments\) \(No. 2\) Regulations 2023 \(S.I. 2023/1071\)](#), reg. 1(1), [Sch. para. 1](#)

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Changes and effects yet to be applied to the whole Instrument associated Parts and Chapters:

Whole provisions yet to be inserted into this Instrument (including any effects on those provisions):

- Sch. 3 para. 2(3)(4) inserted by [S.I. 2024/575 Sch. 1 para. 7\(a\)\(ii\)](#)
- Sch. 3 para. 18(3)(3A) substituted for Sch. 3 para. 18(3) by [S.I. 2024/575 Sch. 1 para. 10](#)