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## SCHEDULE 3

### Other contractual terms

## PART 4

### Assignment of patients to lists

#### Assignments to closed lists: assignments of patients by [F1NHS England]

**43.**—(1) Before [F1NHS England] assigns a new patient to a contractor, [F1NHS England] must, subject to sub-paragraph (3)—

- (a) enter into discussions with the contractor regarding the additional support that [F1NHS England] can offer the contractor; and
- (b) use its best endeavours to provide such appropriate support.

(2) In the discussions referred to in sub-paragraph (1)(a), both parties must use reasonable endeavours to reach agreement.

(3) The requirement in sub-paragraph (1)(a) to enter into discussions applies—

- (a) to the first assignment of a patient to a particular contractor; and
- (b) to any subsequent assignment to that contractor to the extent that it is reasonable and appropriate having regard to—
  - (i) the numbers of patients who have been or may be assigned to it, and
  - (ii) the period of time since the last discussions under sub-paragraph (1)(a) took place.

#### 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](#)