

## SCHEDULE 1

### Amendments to the GMS Contracts Regulations

#### **Maternal postnatal consultation**

2.—(1) Regulation 17(1) is amended as follows.

(2) In paragraph (1), for “and (9)” substitute “, (9) and (12)”.

(3) After paragraph (11), insert—

“(12) A contractor must—

(a) invite each of its female patients who delivers a baby to attend a postnatal maternal consultation, and

(b) where the invitation is accepted, provide the patient with such a consultation.

(13) A maternal postnatal consultation must, if possible, be provided during the period which—

(a) begins six weeks after the conclusion of the delivery of the baby, and

(b) ends—

(i) eight weeks after conclusion of the delivery, or

(ii) if the patient has not been discharged from secondary care services before the end of the period mentioned in paragraph (i), eight weeks after the patient’s discharge from those services.

(14) A maternal postnatal consultation must not be provided at the same time as any consultation at which the physical health of the baby is reviewed (if relevant).

(15) In this regulation, “maternal postnatal consultation” means a consultation with a general medical practitioner at which the physical and mental health and well-being of the patient is reviewed.”.

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(1) There are amendments to regulation 17 which are not relevant to these Regulations.