## Survey for the 2023/25 NHS Payment Scheme consultation

**Important notes**

The survey closes at midnight on (the end of) **27 January 2023**.

### Introduction

Thank you for taking the time to consider NHS England’s proposals for the 2023/25 NHS Payment Scheme (NHSPS).

This survey allows you to say whether you accept or reject the proposed NHSPS, and give reasons for your choice. It also gives you the opportunity to provide feedback on specific policy areas covered by the consultation notice.

The full consultation notice and all supporting material can be found here: [www.england.nhs.uk/publication/2023-25-nhsps-consultation/](http://www.england.nhs.uk/publication/2023-25-nhsps-consultation/)

**Important points**

Please note: your response will not be counted unless it has been submitted. When you have answered all the questions that you want to, select the 'Finish' button from the Contents page and then submit your response.

We may publish the responses we receive to this survey. If we do so, we will indicate which organisations we received responses from but not the names or roles of respondents.

This Word version of the survey is published to help you collate responses within your organisation. Please do not use this document to return comments to us.

If you require any assistance, please contact: pricing@england.nhs.uk

### About you

Please provide your details here.

The objection thresholds for this consultation are based on the number of objections received from commissioners and providers of services in scope of the NHSPS. As such, we ask for details of people responding to the survey. As well as calculating objection thresholds, we also use the information provided here in our analysis of responses, and to follow up with individuals on specific points raised where necessary.

We may publish the responses we receive to this survey. If we do so, we will indicate which organisations we received responses from but not the names or roles of respondents.

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| Organisation code (if known) |  |
| Organisation type |  |

### Accepting or rejecting the proposed NHS Payment Scheme

The 2012 Act, amended in 2022, provides that NHS England cannot publish the NHS Payment Scheme if either of the objection thresholds has been met without engaging with those who have objected to discuss their concerns in more detail (see Annex CnA of the consultation notice for more details).

Commissioners and relevant providers may object to the proposed NHSPS – not just the proposed method for setting national prices (as was the case for the National Tariff).

We have identified authorised responders for every relevant organisation and have sent a link of this survey to them. If you are unsure about who your organisation’s authorised responder is, please contact alastair.brett@nhs.net

**Do you accept or reject the proposed 2023/25 NHS Payment Scheme?**

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| Accept |  |
| Reject |  |

If you chose to reject the proposed NHSPS, please explain your reasons:

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The following sections ask for feedback on individual policy areas. The question numbers match the sections in the consultation notice document.

### 5. Proposals applying to all payment mechanisms

Details of these proposals are set out in Section 5 of the consultation notice

#### 5.1 Duration

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| **To what extent do you support the proposed two-year NHSPS?** |
| Strongly support | Tend to support | Neither support or oppose | Tend to oppose | Strongly oppose | Don’t know |
| **Please explain the reasons for your answer** |
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#### 5.2 Payment principles

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| **To what extent do you support the proposed payment principles?** |
| Strongly support | Tend to support | Neither support or oppose | Tend to oppose | Strongly oppose | Don’t know |
| **Please explain the reasons for your answer** |
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#### 5.3 Cost adjustment: 2023/24 cost uplift factor

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| **To what extent do you support the proposed cost uplift factor?** |
| Strongly support | Tend to support | Neither support or oppose | Tend to oppose | Strongly oppose | Don’t know |
| **Please explain the reasons for your answer** |
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#### 5.4 Cost adjustment: 2023/24 efficiency factor

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| **To what extent do you support the proposed efficiency factor?** |
| Strongly support | Tend to support | Neither support or oppose | Tend to oppose | Strongly oppose | Don’t know |
| **Please explain the reasons for your answer** |
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#### 5.5 Cost adjustments: setting factors for 2024/25

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| **To what extent do you support the proposal to update cost and efficiency factors for 2024/25 using a formula?** |
| Strongly support | Tend to support | Neither support or oppose | Tend to oppose | Strongly oppose | Don’t know |
| **Please explain the reasons for your answer** |
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| **Do you have any comments on the proposed formula?** |
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#### 5.6 Excluded items

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| **To what extent do you support the proposed approach to excluded items in the NHSPS?** |
| Strongly support | Tend to support | Neither support or oppose | Tend to oppose | Strongly oppose | Don’t know |
| **Please explain the reasons for your answer** |
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#### 5.7 Best practice tariffs

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| **To what extent do you support the proposed approach to best practice tariffs (BPTs)?** |
| Strongly support | Tend to support | Neither support or oppose | Tend to oppose | Strongly oppose | Don’t know |
| **Please explain the reasons for your answer** |
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#### Do you have any other comments on the proposals that apply to all payment mechanisms?

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| **Comments** |
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### 6. Payment mechanism: Aligned payment and incentive

Details of these proposals are set out in Section 6 of the consultation notice.

#### 6.1 Scope

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| **To what extent do you support the proposed scope of the API payment mechanism?** |
| Strongly support | Tend to support | Neither support or oppose | Tend to oppose | Strongly oppose | Don’t know |
| **Please explain the reasons for your answer** |
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#### 6.2 Design: Fixed element

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| **To what extent do you support the proposed design of the API fixed element?** |
| Strongly support | Tend to support | Neither support or oppose | Tend to oppose | Strongly oppose | Don’t know |
| **Please explain the reasons for your answer** |
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#### 6.3 Design: variable element – elective activity

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| **To what extent do you support the design of the elective variable element?** |
| Strongly support | Tend to support | Neither support or oppose | Tend to oppose | Strongly oppose | Don’t know |
| **Please explain the reasons for your answer** |
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#### 6.4 Design: variable element – CQUIN

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| **To what extent do you support the design of the CQUIN variable element?** |
| Strongly support | Tend to support | Neither support or oppose | Tend to oppose | Strongly oppose | Don’t know |
| **Please explain the reasons for your answer** |
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#### 6.5 Design: specialised services

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| **To what extent do you support the proposed payment rules for specialised services?** |
| Strongly support | Tend to support | Neither support or oppose | Tend to oppose | Strongly oppose | Don’t know |
| **Please explain the reasons for your answer** |
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#### 6.6 Design: Variations from API design

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| **To what extent do you support the design of the proposed approach to variations from the default API design?** |
| Strongly support | Tend to support | Neither support or oppose | Tend to oppose | Strongly oppose | Don’t know |
| **Please explain the reasons for your answer** |
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#### Do you have any other comments on the proposed API payment mechanism?

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| **Comments** |
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### 7. Payment mechanism: Low volume activity (LVA) block payments

Details of these proposals are set out in Section 7 of the consultation notice.

#### 7.1 LVA scope

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| **To what extent do you support the proposed scope of LVA arrangements?** |
| Strongly support | Tend to support | Neither support or oppose | Tend to oppose | Strongly oppose | Don’t know |
| **Please explain the reasons for your answer** |
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#### 7.2 LVA design

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| **To what extent do you support the proposed LVA design?** |
| Strongly support | Tend to support | Neither support or oppose | Tend to oppose | Strongly oppose | Don’t know |
| **Please explain the reasons for your answer** |
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#### Do you have any other comments on the proposed LVA payment mechanism?

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### 8. Payment mechanism: Activity-based payments

Details of these proposals are set out in Section 8 of the consultation notice.

#### 8.1 Activity-based payments scope

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| **To what extent do you support the proposed scope of activity-based payments?** |
| Strongly support | Tend to support | Neither support or oppose | Tend to oppose | Strongly oppose | Don’t know |
| **Please explain the reasons for your answer** |
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#### 8.2 Activity-based payments design

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| **To what extent do you support the proposed activity-based payment design?** |
| Strongly support | Tend to support | Neither support or oppose | Tend to oppose | Strongly oppose | Don’t know |
| **Please explain the reasons for your answer** |
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#### Do you have any other comments on the proposed activity-based payment mechanism?

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### 9. Payment mechanism: Local payment arrangements

Details of these proposals are set out in Section 9 of the consultation notice.

#### 9.1 Local payment arrangements scope

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| **To what extent do you support the proposed scope of local payment arrangements?** |
| Strongly support | Tend to support | Neither support or oppose | Tend to oppose | Strongly oppose | Don’t know |
| **Please explain the reasons for your answer** |
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#### 9.2 Local payment arrangements design

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| **To what extent do you support the proposed local payment arrangements design?** |
| Strongly support | Tend to support | Neither support or oppose | Tend to oppose | Strongly oppose | Don’t know |
| **Please explain the reasons for your answer** |
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#### Do you have any other comments on the proposed local payment mechanism?

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### 10. Prices: role, calculation and related adjustments

Details of these proposals are set out in Section 10 of the consultation notice.

#### 10.1 The role of prices

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| **To what extent do you support the proposed role of prices in the 2023/25 NHSPS?** |
| Strongly support | Tend to support | Neither support or oppose | Tend to oppose | Strongly oppose | Don’t know |
| **Please explain the reasons for your answer** |
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#### 10.2 Calculating 2023/24 prices

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| **To what extent do you support the proposed approach to calculated 2023/24 NHSPS prices?** |
| Strongly support | Tend to support | Neither support or oppose | Tend to oppose | Strongly oppose | Don’t know |
| **Please explain the reasons for your answer** |
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#### 10.3 Changes to price relativities

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| **To what extent do you support the proposed changes to price relativities?** |
| Strongly support | Tend to support | Neither support or oppose | Tend to oppose | Strongly oppose | Don’t know |
| **Please explain the reasons for your answer** |
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#### 10.4 Market forces factor

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| **To what extent do you support the proposed revision of data used to set market forces factor values?** |
| Strongly support | Tend to support | Neither support or oppose | Tend to oppose | Strongly oppose | Don’t know |
| **Please explain the reasons for your answer** |
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| Do you have any other comments on the proposed market forces factor? |
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#### Do you have any other comments on prices and related adjustments?

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| **Please explain the reasons for your answer** |
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### Future payment system development

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| **What national support would you find most helpful in agreeing payment arrangements in future?** |
|  | Very helpful | Helpful | Not very helpful | Unhelpful | Not sure |
| Direct support |  |  |  |  |  |
| Guidance |  |  |  |  |  |
| Case studies |  |  |  |  |  |
| Data |  |  |  |  |  |
| Tools |  |  |  |  |  |
| Other |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Please explain the reasons for your answers** |
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| **For any future payment system, to what extent do you agree that, year-on-year...** |
|  | **Strongly agree** | **Agree** | **Neither agree nor disagree** | **Disagree** | **Strongly disagree** |
| ...fixed payments should be adjusted by rolling over previous fixed payment, adjusting for inflation and efficiency |  |  |  |  |  |
| ...fixed payments should be completely refreshed based on benchmarking data and PLICs data to find efficiencies |  |  |  |  |  |
| ...fixed payments should be completely refreshed based on changing population needs |  |  |  |  |  |
| ...funding in the fixed payment should be flexibly adjusted between pathways (across providers, eg cardiology depts in two providers) |  |  |  |  |  |
| ...funding in the fixed payment should be flexibly adjusted between providers (eg acute to community) |  |  |  |  |  |
| ...funding in the fixed payment should be flexibly adjusted between care settings (eg secondary to primary care) |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Please explain the reasons for your answer** |
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| **For variable payments and incentives, to what extent do you agree...** |
|  | **Strongly agree** | **Agree** | **Neither agree nor disagree** | **Disagree** | **Strongly disagree** |
| ...variable payments should be corrective (eg reflect unexpected costs) rather than directive (incentivise additional activity) |  |  |  |  |  |
| ...payments should be linked to incentives |  |  |  |  |  |
| ...incentives should be aimed at providers rather than systems |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Please explain the reasons for your answers** |
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| **Which three of the following areas do you feel are most important for the national payment team to prioritise?** |
| Elective recovery  |  |
| Incentives for quality  |  |
| NHS Long Term Plan priorities  |  |
| Non-acute parity  |  |
| Products and information to support fixed payment  |  |
| Whole system alignment  |  |
| Other  |  |
| If 'Other' |  |
| **Please explain the reasons for your answers** |
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### Health inequalities and any other comments

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| **If they were implemented, what impact do you feel the policies outlined are likely to have on equality and addressing health inequalities?** |
| Strong positive impact | Positive impact | Neither positive or negative impact | Negative impact | Strong negative impact | Don’t know |
| **Do you have concerns that there are distinct groups with protected characteristics that our policies may impact negatively?** |
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| **Please explain the reasons for your answers** |
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| **Do you have any other comments on our proposals for the 2023/35 NHS Payment Scheme?** |
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| **Do you have any comments or suggestions on how we could improve how we engage with you on our proposals?** |
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| **How could we improve the information you are given as part of the statutory consultation and its impact assessment?** |
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