Independent Provider Access and New Fair Deal

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IP Application Process

- On receipt, check IP application:
  - Contract value reasonable versus number of staff?
  - Confirm contracts are NHS/LA/APMS
  - Apportion contract if part way through a year or organisation already a Closed Direction
  - Confirm start date of Access with IP to ensure their payroll provider has an adequate enrolment procedure in place for staff
Key points for IP Applicants

- Applications must demonstrate ‘qualifying contract’. Either
  
  - An NHS Standard contract
  
  - An APMS contract or
  
  - A contract entered into by a Local Authority pursuant to its function under the 2006 Act relating to the protection of public health
Key points for IP Applicants cont....

• Submit all relevant documentation, which must include
  • The contract type
  • Name of Commissioner (NHS England or CCG)
  • Name of Provider (must be Company on the application form!)
  • The service to be provided
  • The contract duration
  • The contract value – reflecting the information shown in your IP Application
  • The signatures of representatives from both organisations i.e. the Commissioner and Provider
What happens next?

• NHSBSA Pensions may contact the Commissioner for verification of any information submitted

• NHSBSA Pensions will send a formal letter of acceptance which will include an unique NHS Employing Authority (EA) code

• Closed Direction already? – you will still receive a unique EA code for your IP staff

• Enrol your staff!

• Access to POL?
Issues identified so far

• Contract not signed

• Too much information!

• Including sub contracts

• Highlight or isolate pages if possible

• Closed Direction already held – application form revised
IP Applications – the first 6 months

Number of applications by status:
- Accepted
- Rejected/withdrawn
- Pending
- Totals

Legend:
- Community Interest
- Limited Company
IP Applications – the first 6 months

Staff numbers by month

- April: 0
- May: 1600
- June: 500
- July: 100
- August: 250
- September: 150
IP Applications – the first 6 months
Rejected applications

3 unsuccessful applications

- Sub-contracts
- Non-clinical stand alone administrative contract
- No formal contract

2 applications withdrawn

- Unable to demonstrate they have an appropriate contract
- Can access the scheme under APMS contract
New Fair Deal – Application Process

- Applications made electronically by DIR1 form
- Transferring staff must be confirmed with both NFD and Commissioner
- Legal Direction document drafted
- EA code allocated
- Direction referred to DH for signature
- NFD notified of successful application and EA code
- Post TUPE – BSA will write to NFD and confirm names of actual TUPE staff and amend Direction if necessary
NFD Applications

- Currently 67 organisations
- 142 individual contracts
- Covering 2074 staff
Guidance

Administrative guidance is available on the NHSBSA website –

http://www.nhsbsa.nhs.uk/4328.aspx (IP specific)

http://www.nhsbsa.nhs.uk/4327.aspx (NFD specific)

http://www.nhsbsa.nhs.uk/4081.aspx (LA specific)

http://www.nhsbsa.nhs.uk/4078.aspx (Employer Admin guidance)

http://www.nhsbsa.nhs.uk/4189.aspx (Member guidance)