

Examples of this type of transfer

This type of transfer would generally be to a GP practice or group of practices providing primary and/or community services under a General Medical Services contract (GMS), Personal Medical Services contract (PMS), Alternative Provider Medical Services contract (APMS) or NHS Standard Contract.

Following the new models of care proposed by NHS England in its Five Year Forward View, there is an increasing interest for GP practices to federate or form provider alliances. In these circumstances, it is likely the contract under which services are delivered would be one of those referred to above. Some APMS may be provided under a sub contract to a NHS Standard Contract. While most arrangements under this route are applicable for staff transferred to provide services under APMS, if it is a sub contract, they would only retain entitlement to membership of the NHS Pension Scheme if the main NHS Standard Contract (from which the sub-contract flows) is held by an NHS Pension Scheme employing authority.

If the arrangement is a GP Federation, network or alliance, it is likely that the contract would be an NHS Standard Contract. If this is the only contract held by the employer, then the blue route should be followed. If it is a sub contract arrangement, and the transferee will work solely on that sub contract, then eligibility for membership of the NHS Pension Scheme could only be retained if the main NHS Standard Contract (from which the sub-contract flows) is held by an NHS Pension Scheme employing authority.