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Dear Sue,

#### **Plenary meeting – 23 July 2014**

Set out below is the conclusion of our plenary meeting which we believe forms the basis of the best deal available. We noted the letter of 18 June plenary was an agreed record of our previous meeting.

This letter summarises the meeting on 23 July and will act as formal feedback for both parties and NHS England and if acceptable will form the basis for the deal document.

We note the NMS evaluation is almost complete and agreed we would urge NHS England and the DH to release this as soon as possible to form part of the 2014/15 deal.

We looked in turn at the service developments and reached agreement on all outstanding issues and what presents the best negotiated agreement.

The position for the two areas below remain as set out in my previous letter.

- **Increasing targeted MURs to 70%**
- **Collection and delivery service for vulnerable patients**

We finalised the following areas:-

- **Clinical audit**  
We noted that the regulations would be changed to allow policy audit and that the audit of emergency supply would be the single audit for this year

- **[s36 & s43]**
- **Patient safety reporting**  
We reached agreement on non anonymised and noted revised approved particulars will be developed to facilitate this.

### **Communications**

We agreed that neither side would comment publicly on the content and progress until NHS England have signed off the agreement. We agreed that there would be rapid tripartite development of a joint communications plan including the announcement at the appropriate time.

### **AOB**

[s36 & s43] We also discussed that it would be important that feedback from the NRLS safety reporting, together with benchmarking information should be provided as an improvement tool for Pharmacists.

### **Future meetings**

The next plenary meeting has been arranged for 18 September. We agreed to hold this date for the time being.

### **Next steps**

We agreed to send the deal document which we plan to submit to the NHS England formal governance mechanisms shortly under separate cover. We will keep you informed of progress.

### **2015/16**

We had a helpful discussion about a range of areas for the 2015/16 mandate which we expect to confirm with NHS England during September. This will be the subject of a separate note. [s36]

Kind regards

Felicity Cox  
**NHS Employers**