

Welcome to the tenth update from the Department's Payment by Results (PbR) team. The purpose of these updates is to keep colleagues in the NHS and other interested parties informed throughout the year about our team's work.

You can also keep up-to-date on developments with PbR via our website at www.dh.gov.uk/pbr

It would be helpful for us to know how useful these updates are, and so we would welcome any comments, which should be directed to our mailbox in the first instance – pbrcomms@dh.gsi.gov.uk.

PbR in 2013-14

The sense check exercise commenced on 20 September and is due to conclude on 19 October 2012. Details of [our proposals for PbR in 2013-14 are set out in a letter from David Flory](#) is available here.

The PbR team wishes to thank all participating organisations and colleagues for their contribution to this essential part of the annual PbR development cycle.

2011-12 reference costs collection

The 2011-12 reference costs collection concluded on 27 July. We are currently doing some internal analysis of the data, and preparing the data for publication. As in previous years, we will be sharing draft RCIs with organisations in advance of final publication. We hope to be able to publish 2011-12 reference costs in October.

PbR for adult mental health services

Work is continuing to develop appropriate quality and outcome measures to be used as part of mental health PbR for working age adults and older people. Proposals for a Patient Recorded Outcome Measure (PROM) and a Clinician Led Outcome Measure (CLOM) will be set out in the road test package at the end of the year.

We will be using the 2011-12 reference costs to calculate a set of indicative non-mandatory tariffs for the clusters that organisations can use for benchmarking purposes. We also plan to include these in the road test package.

A further stage of testing the national algorithm has now been completed. Some further modifications to the algorithm are being undertaken and subject to approval by the mental health PbR project board it is planned to make the tool available to organisations in autumn 2012.

The secure and forensic pilots are now underway. In addition to printed guidance, a web-based training video has also been produced which can be found on:

<http://www.cppconsortium.nhs.uk/video.php>

To access more details about the mental health project please email ewa.dziura@dh.gsi.gov.uk to gain access to the QuickR site.

PbR for child and adolescent mental health services (CAMHS)

The CAMHS team appointed by DH carried out a survey in March with providers and commissioners of CAMHS services, followed up by two engagement events in early May. There was broad support for the development of needs-based clusters. Since then the team have been analysing existing data sets to get a better understanding of current resource use and to refine the proposed clusters. The team is now concentrating on developing a programme of pilots. There has been a good response to calls for volunteers to pilot the assessment tools with all types of service and all regions represented. Pilots are expected to start from October onwards after on site training is provided by the team. The next step will be to develop an algorithm which can predict the cluster a child should belong to from information drawn from the assessment.

PbR for sexual health services

A series of factsheets, providing guidance on the HIV outpatients pathway, has been produced in co-operation with the British HIV Association (BHIVA) and British Association for Sexual Health and HIV (BASHH). These are [available on the DH website](#).

We are planning a series of free seminars in October for those involved in the provision of HIV outpatient services, to inform and seek views on the proposal to mandate a currency for HIV adult outpatients. [Further information, and details of how to reserve a place are available](#).

Chemotherapy/radiotherapy

The PbR team is progressing the development of tariffs for chemotherapy delivery and external beam radiotherapy. We plan to introduce mandatory tariffs in a staged way in 2013-14, with organisations moving at least half way from local to national prices – this is the same approach as we used for the introduction of the tariff for renal dialysis.

Regular attenders have historically been excluded from PbR, but as part of this development these will be brought into the scope of PbR.

PbR Assurance Framework

Payment by Results update – September 2012



The Audit Commission published its annual report [Right data, right payment](#) on the 2011/12 PbR assurance programme in August.

The 2012/13 assurance programme is now underway. [Guidance](#) on the scope of the programme highlights that local audits will be more commissioner driven. Providers will continue to be engaged and all results and reports will be shared and agreed with them. The Audit Commission will be working in partnership with Capita Business Services Ltd to deliver the programme.