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Dear Tracey,

Delegated Commissioning of Primary Medical Services

I am pleased to confirm that NHS Bath and North East Somerset, Swindon and Wiltshire Clinical Commissioning Group has been approved to take on delegated commissioning arrangements for primary medical services from 1 April 2020.

Delegated commissioning offers further opportunities to develop more integrated out-of-hospital services and improve the quality of primary care. We look forward to working with you to take forward the new arrangements.

Please note CCGs must not use the delegated commissioning monies to subsidise their own (non-delegated) budgets. In-year spending against delegated and overall primary care budgets will be closely monitored, and where organisations are found to be underspending against these budgets they will be required to explain the underspends.

Delegation Agreement

I enclose a copy of the Delegation Agreement. The Delegation Agreement sets out the primary medical services functions that will be delegated to your CCG and how these should be exercised. This document was developed in collaboration with CCGs and NHS Clinical Commissioners. To ensure consistency, there is one standard Delegation Agreement and we cannot accept any local variations to this.

The content of the Delegation Agreement is the same as previous years, with the exception of some minor changes to reflect the new rules around data protection and data sharing.

We kindly ask that you complete the relevant parts of the Delegation Agreement, signs and returns it to your NHSE Regional Director's office on **1 April 2020**.

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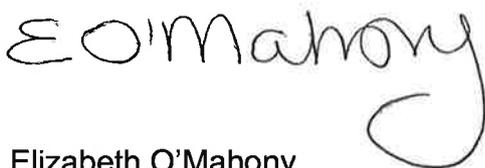
Please also ensure a copy of the signed Delegation Agreement should also be emailed to england.co-commissioning@nhs.net All outstanding governance matters (such as constitutional amendments) must be resolved by the time the Delegation Agreement is signed.

There is a series of frequently asked questions about the Delegation Agreement on NHS England's website:

<https://www.england.nhs.uk/commissioning/pc-co-comms/apply/faqs/>

If you have further queries, please contact your Regional Office in the first instance. Queries can be also sent to the national co-commissioning policy team at england.co-commissioning@nhs.net

Yours sincerely,



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Enc. 2020-21 Delegation Agreement for NHS Bath and North East Somerset CCG, NHS Swindon CCG, and NHS Wiltshire CCG
2020-21 Delegation
2020-21 Guide to the Delegation Agreement

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