

NHS Planning Timetable for 2015/16

By 1 Nov 2014	NHS England and CCG Commissioning Intentions provided to Trusts
By 23 Dec 2014	Publication of Final 2015/16 Planning Guidance, including provisional tariff assumptions, to be followed by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Standard Contract for 15/16 • Revised Contract Dispute Resolution procedure
Jan 2015	Publication of revised National Tariff ¹
Jan – 11 Mar 2015	Contract negotiations – including voluntary mediation
13 Jan 2015	Submission of initial headline plan data (CCGs, NHS England, NHS Trusts)
From 29 Jan 2015	Weekly contract tracker to be submitted each Thursday (CCGs, NHS England, NHS Trusts)
13 Feb 2015	Checkpoint for progress with planning measures and trajectories (CCGs, NHS England)
20 February	National Contract stocktake – to check the status of contracts
27 Feb 2015	Submission of full draft plans (CCGs, NHS England, NHS Trusts)
27 Feb – 30 Mar 2015	Assurance of draft plans (CCGs, NHS England, NHS Trusts)
6 Mar 2015	Checkpoint for progress with planning measures and trajectories (CCGs, NHS England)
11 Mar 2015	Contracts signed post-mediation (CCGs, NHS England, NHS Trusts and Foundation Trusts)
12 Mar – 23 Mar 2015	Contract arbitration (CCGs, NHS England, NHS Trusts)
By 25 Mar 2015	Arbitration outcomes notified to commissioners and providers (CCGs, NHS England, NHS Trusts)
By 31 Mar 2015	Plans approved by Boards of CCGs, NHS Trusts and Foundation Trusts
10 Apr 2015	Submission of full final plans (CCGs, NHS England, NHS Trusts and Foundation Trusts)
From 10 Apr 2015	Assurance and reconciliation of operational plans

¹The sequence of steps set out in this timetable depends on the publication of the 2015/16 tariff during January 2015. Dependent on the timing of the publication within January submissions by CCGs, NHS England and NHS Trusts on 13th January may need to be based on the assumptions set out in the tariff consultation. Any significant further delay in the publication of the tariff beyond January would require the national timetable to be reconsidered.