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Commissioner and Provider Groups

Dear Colleague

NHS England's Innovation and Technology Tariff

On 14th March we wrote to you advising of NHS England's plans to fast-track the introduction of six new types of medical technology products and apps during 2017/18 through the Innovation and Technology Tariff (ITT). The ITT removes the need for multiple local price negotiations and instead guarantees automatic reimbursement.

For five of the above NHS England will centrally pick up the costs, where these have been incurred in line with requirements about use. The sixth innovation is an alternative to existing surgical procedures, and is already funded as part of tariff calculations.

The innovation categories are:

- Guided mediolateral episiotomy to minimise the risk of obstetric anal sphincter injury
- Arterial connecting systems to reduce bacterial contamination and the accidental administration of medication
- Pneumonia prevention systems which are designed to stop ventilator-associated pneumonia
- Web based applications for the self-management of chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD)
- Frozen Faecal microbiota transplantation (FMT) for recurrent Clostridium difficile infection rates
- Management of Benign prostatic hyperplasia as a day case (purchased through National Tariff)

In parallel, but separately from the tariff, NHS England is centrally funding the purchase of mobile ECG technology which will be managed through the AHSN network.

We believe these products will offer significant improvements such as reducing outpatient visits, inpatient length of stay and additional treatment/procedure costs. A number of the innovation types address patient safety and all will improve both outcomes and experience.

The Innovation Technology Tariff went live on 1st April 2017 and we are keen to encourage adoption and spread of these technologies. Further to the successful take up of a suite of WebEx during March in which we shared with you the zero cost, procurement and reimbursement model we would like to offer up some further WebEx dates for anyone that was unable to attend. To this end we intend to run a number of one hour WebEx Events during May, hosted by Mr Robert Chesters, Innovation and Research Unit, NHS England. Rob will discuss:

- The Programme themes

- The guidance document
- The role of the CSU
- Procurement and Supplier flows
- Reimbursement and reporting flows
- Payment of suppliers
- Q&A

We do hope you can attend one of these sessions as we firmly believe this is an opportunity to understand the uniqueness of this tariff model which will offer a streamlined route to reimbursement without the need for multiple price negotiations and will cut the difficulties quite often experienced by clinicians in uptake and spread.

The Webex sessions are scheduled for:

2nd May - 1100-1200 [join the meeting](#)
4th May- 1200-1300 [join the meeting](#)
9th May-1100-1200 [join the meeting](#)
17th May- 1030-1130 [join the meeting](#)
24th May- 0930-1030 [join the meeting](#)

We look forward to welcoming you to one of the sessions.

Yours sincerely

The Innovation and Research Unit