**Word version of the 2017/18 to 2018/19 National Tariff Policy Proposals survey**

This document is provided to make it easy for organisations to collect responses from different parts of an organisation to the national tariff policy proposals. It also gives stakeholders a chance to review the questions in advance of completing the survey.

Notes:

* Each question consists of a five point scale to assess support and one or more free text comment boxes.
* The online survey allows users to skip sections that they do not wish to answer
* Further information on the proposals is available on the online survey and policy proposal documents.
* If you wish to comment on the price relativities please use ‘Annex B Price relativities response template’

Click on the link below to access the survey:

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/2017to2019NationalTariff>

Please do not use this document to return comments to us.

**Chapter 3 - Setting a national tariff for 2017 to 2019**

1. After reading this proposal, please indicate your level of support

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2. Do you have any comments on our proposal to set a tariff covering 2017 to 2019?

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| Whilst we agree that setting a national tariff can be helpful in allowing commissioners and services to plan, it can be stifling to the introduction of innovation within the NHS, especially with the introduction of new technologies that could have very significant positive impact for recipients and longer term savings to the NHS and wider society. |

**Chapter 4 - Proposed changes to currency design and scope of prices navigation**

Chapter 4.1 - Moving to HRG4+ phase 3 currency design

4. After reading this proposal, please indicate your level of support

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5. Do you have any other comments on this proposal? - In particular, we would welcome any comments on adoption of this policy in a two year tariff? - What future information or guidance would you like included in the statutory consultation notice?

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| Whilst we agree that setting a national tariff can be helpful in allowing commissioners and services to plan, it can be stifling to the introduction of innovation within the NHS, especially with the introduction of new technologies that could have very significant positive impact for recipients and longer term savings to the NHS and wider society. |

Chapter 4.2 - Changes to the scope of prices

6. After reading this proposal, please indicate your level of support

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7. Do you have any other comments on this proposal? - In particular, we would welcome any comments on adoption of this policy in a two year tariff? - What future information or guidance would you like included in the statutory consultation notice?

NDCS is very concerned about proposed changes to the tariff for cochlear implants and support the consultation response submitted by The Adult Cochlear Implant Action Group. We believe the proposals could negatively impact on children and adults who are deaf:

“The consultation document is completely opaque on how reference costs are arrived at and therefore it is difficult to tell how accurate the baseline was. Whilst we are aware that reference costs are typically variable (and can contain inaccuracies), looking at the new proposed tariff it appears that the data must be incomplete or simply wrong.

The proposed tariff published and valid for 2 years is quoted as 2017/18 and 2018/19;

• CA41Z Bilateral Cochlear Implants inc. surgery £26,516

• CA42Z Unilateral Cochlear Implant inc. surgery £20,276

On the assumption that the figures proposed cover the in-patient costs, surgery and the device these are significantly different from the current arrangement in which most programmes are abiding by the 2016/17 non-mandatory tariff for the procedures.

Because 2016/17 is the first year in which cochlear implants have been on ‘pass through’, we are still working to establish the impact which has not been possible in the short timescale given for the consultation. A very rough initial estimate, assuming the current tariff of £6,629 reflects in-patient costs and using the ‘typical’ price quoted to us as being charged by a manufacturer, suggests alarming shortfalls of nearly £6,500 for each unilateral and nearly £14,000 on each bilateral cochlear implant procedure . We appreciate that these estimates are preliminary and further detailed work is required, but it is clear that the proposed tariffs would put cochlear implantation at severe risk and, indeed, we know does not even cover the cost of bilateral devices, let alone the in-patient and surgery costs.

We have contacted all the cochlear implant programmes who will be affected by this change to tariff and all those who have been able to respond in the very short timeframe available to us have indicated that they cannot support the proposal as these prices will make cochlear implantation unaffordable for trusts by a significant margin. In particular, it puts in jeopardy paediatric services which routinely deliver bilateral implantation for children as supported by NICE, together with bilateral implantation for qualifying adults, such as the deaf-blind…

…We accept that it may be complex to get a wholly complete picture of costs as implant centres are under contractual obligations not to disclose the cost of devices. However no changes should be made in current tariffs on incomplete and potentially completely inaccurate reference costs.”

Chapter 4.3 - Creating incentives to reduce inappropriate outpatient follow-ups

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Chapter 4.4 - Updates to the maternity pathway

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Chapter 4.5 - Changes to high cost device list

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Chapter 4.6 - Changes to high cost drug list

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Chapter 4 - Proposed changes to currency design and scope of prices

16. Do you have any other comments on the proposed changes to currency design and scope of prices?

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**Chapter 5 - Incentivising best practice through currency design**

Chapter 5.1 Introduction of a BPT for straight-to-test for patients requiring lower GI investigation

18. After reading this proposal, please indicate your level of support

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19. Are you aware of any unintended consequences this proposal may have?

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20. Are there any barriers to implementation we need to be aware of?

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21. Do you have any other comments on this proposal? - In particular, we would welcome any comments on adoption of this policy in a two year tariff? - What future information or guidance would you like included in the statutory consultation notice?

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Chapter 5.2 - Introduction of a BPT chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD)

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25. Please could we have your feedback on the target rate

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Chapter 5.3 - Introduction of a BPT for cardiac rehabilitation for myocardial infarction (MI)

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Chapter 5.4 - Introduction of a BPT for non-ST segment elevation myocardial infarction (NSTEMI)

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Chapter 5.5 to 5.10 - Changes to BPTs

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37. Are there any barriers to implementation we need to be aware of?

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Chapter 5.11 - removal of the interventional radiology BPT

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Chapter 5.12 - Introducing an innovation and technology tariff

42. After reading this proposal, please indicate your level of support for supporting innovations through the national tariff

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43. How do you think existing innovation accelerator fellows could be incentivised through the tariff?

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44. Do you have any other comments on this proposal? - In particular, we would welcome any comments on adoption of this policy in a two year tariff? - What future information or guidance would you like included in the statutory consultation notice?

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Chapter 5 - Incentivising best practice through currency design

45. Do you have any other comments on the proposals in this section?

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**Chapter 6 - Proposed methods for setting prices in 2017/18 and 2018/19 navigation page**

Chapter 6.1 - Approach to modelling national prices for 2017/18

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Chapter 6.2 - Managing model inputs

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Chapter 6.3 - Manual adjustments to relative prices

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Chapter 6.4 - Simplifying the method for setting prices for BPTs

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Chapter 6.5 - Proposed method for a two year tariff

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Chapter 6 - Proposed method for setting prices in 2017/18 and 2018/19 section

57. Do you have any other comments on the method section?

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**Chapter 7.1 - Top-up payments for specialist services**

59. After reading this proposal, please indicate your level of support

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Chapter 8.1 - Mental health payment proposals

61. After reading this proposal, please indicate your level of support

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Chapters 7 & 8 - National variations and locally determined prices

63. Do you have any other comments on national variations or locally determined prices proposals?

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Chapter 9.1 - New non-mandatory prices for national currencies

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66. Do you have any other comments on this proposal? - In particular, we would welcome any comments on adoption of this policy in a two year tariff? - What future information or guidance would you like included in the statutory consultation notice?

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Chapter 9.2 - New non-mandatory currencies

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68. Do you have any other comments on this proposal? - In particular, we would welcome any comments on adoption of this policy in a two year tariff? - What future information or guidance would you like included in the statutory consultation notice?

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Chapter 9.3 - removal of the cataracts BPT

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70. Are you aware of any unintended consequences this proposal may have?

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71. Do you have any other comments on this proposal? - In particular, we would welcome any comments on adoption of this policy in a two year tariff? - What future information or guidance would you like included in the statutory consultation notice?

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Chapter 9 - Changes outside of the scope of national prices

72. Do you have any final comments on national variations or locally determined prices proposals?

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**Impact assessment**

73. Are there any other issues that you would like us to consider in our statutory consultation?

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74. Do you think that any of the proposals in the engagement documents (individually or collectively) will affect (whether positive or adverse) persons with ‘protected characteristics’ under the Equality Act 2010? If there is any potential adverse impact, how might it be mitigated?

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| NDCS is very concerned about proposed changes to the cochlear implant tariffs and support the consultation response submitted by The Adult Cochlear Implant Action Group. We believe the proposals could negatively impact on children and adults who are deaf. NDCS is deeply concerned that the costs do not cover the child’s care pathway which is intensive and life-long. Reduction in funding would inevitably lead to services reducing the quality and quantity of rehabilitation support which enables deaf children to get the best possible outcomes from their technology. |

**Final comments**

75. Do you have any final comments for us on our 2017/18 national tariff proposals?

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| We request a formal review to discuss how pricing and commissioning for this procedure was arrived at and the consequences for patients which we think would be significant and include a reduction in the number of specialist services able (and willing) to provide the service as it currently is.  |

76. Please give us any comments you have on our engagement to date or suggestions for what would be useful in the future

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| NDCS was dismayed to find out about this consultation by accident. It was not flagged by any of the usual monitoring mechanisms and the importance of the content was not immediately obvious from the title of the consultation alone. The consultation period was very short and held over the summer period making the collection of evidence very difficult. |

**If you have any questions or require help accessing the survey please email** **pricing@improvement.nhs.uk**