

Annex C: Guidance for financial plans

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1. Introduction

The purpose of this document is to signpost stakeholders to key technical documents for financial planning, provide anticipated timescales for publication of materials and links associated for access.

The planning templates and associated technical guidance will be made available as detailed in section 5.2 of technical Annex A.

Further detailed information about the areas listed below can be found in section 5 of the 2020/21 Operational Planning Guidance.

2. National tariff document guidance

The statutory consultation for the national tariff has been published (<https://improvement.nhs.uk/resources/national-tariff-2021-consultation/>) setting out the proposals for the 2020/21 National Tariff Payment System (NTPS).

The final version will be published as soon as possible following the closure of the consultation. Notification will appear here;

<https://improvement.nhs.uk/resources/developing-the-national-tariff/>

If you wish to join our National tariff distribution list and be informed of publications, please click here:

<https://engage.improvement.nhs.uk/pricing-and-costing/tariff-and-costing-updates/>

3. Commissioner finance business rules

The commissioner finance business rules guidance is detailed in technical Annex C1 and provides additional information to CCGs, direct and specialist commissioners about the financial framework for 2020/21 operational planning. This guidance is available at the following link: <https://www.england.nhs.uk/operational-planning-and-contracting/>

4. Trajectories, Financial Recovery Fund (FRF) and Marginal Rate Emergency Tariff (MRET) central funding guidance

Further technical guidance Annex C2, has been prepared for providers and CCGs detailing the technical rules for trajectories, FRF and MRET central funding in 2020/21. The financial planning templates of providers and CCGs incorporate FRF calculations that apply the technical rules set out in the annex. This guidance is available at the following link: <https://www.england.nhs.uk/operational-planning-and-contracting/>