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To: North West CCG Chief Officers

Dear Colleague,

Re: 2015/16 Year-End Fines for the Paramedic Emergency Services contract held with North West Ambulance Service (NWAS)

This letter is to advise you of the fines that have been applied to NWAS in respect to Paramedic Emergency Services, which you will need to publish on your websites in line with the NHS Standard Contract Technical Guidance.

Appendix 6 of the Technical Guidance sets out that "Commissioners must now publish on their websites details of the financial sanctions due and actually applied to each of their major providers for failure to achieve national standards set out in their contracts."

This information is to be published quarterly but, as you will probably be aware, the national speed of response targets for ambulance services are measured at the end of year. Consequently, I have written to NWAS to advise of the level of the fines to be applied and a copy of the letter is attached for your information.

At the North West Ambulance Strategic Partnership Board, Commissioners agreed to reinvest the fines for the speed of response targets, so as not to jeopardise the investment programme agreed with the Trust at the beginning of the year. Commissioners were also provided with evidence of measures taken by NWAS to reduce the time taken for crews to clear hospital sites following patient handover. On receipt of the evidence and assurance from the NWAS Executive Team, Commissioners agreed to reinvest this element of the handover and turnaround fines with the Trust.

I have included a schedule as an appendix to this letter showing the split of the fines that have been applied and subsequently reinvested with NWAS. I would be grateful if you would make the necessary arrangements for the value relating to your CCG to be published on your website to comply with the requirements of the Technical Guidance. The values are calculated based on actual spend against the core PES contract.

Yours sincerely



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cc: County Ambulance Leads Area Ambulance Commissioning Group Members
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2015/16 Fines Applied to NWS (Capped at 2.5%)

	15/16 Tariff	15/16 Actual Growth Adj (Using M10+2)	PES Total In-Year Cost	PES Fine Applied
NHS Cumbria CCG	20,345,346	712,610	21,057,956	526,449
NHS Blackburn with Darwen CCG	5,127,009	-88,118	5,038,891	125,972
NHS Blackpool CCG	6,491,076	-58,734	6,432,342	160,809
NHS Chorley and South Ribble CCG	4,031,306	190,488	4,221,794	105,545
NHS East Lancashire CCG	11,295,485	-69,010	11,226,475	280,662
NHS Flyde & Wyre CCG	4,891,751	12,004	4,903,755	122,594
NHS Greater Preston CCG	5,460,600	211,540	5,672,140	141,804
NHS Lancashire North CCG	4,560,698	-240,998	4,319,700	107,993
NHS West Lancashire CCG	2,736,767	-17,924	2,718,843	67,971
NHS Eastern Cheshire CCG	5,334,098	81,700	5,415,798	135,395
NHS South Cheshire CCG	5,132,267	-6,874	5,125,393	128,135
NHS Vale Royal CCG	2,685,601	42,488	2,728,089	68,202
NHS Warrington CCG	5,887,295	-41,048	5,846,247	146,156
NHS West Cheshire CCG	6,389,224	-179,530	6,209,694	155,242
NHS Wirral CCG	9,869,565	79,672	9,949,237	248,731
NHS Halton CCG	3,616,434	-19,042	3,597,392	89,935
NHS Knowsley CCG	4,803,216	-53,350	4,749,866	118,747
NHS Liverpool CCG	16,832,693	55,410	16,888,103	422,203
NHS South Sefton CCG	4,840,536	-15,420	4,825,116	120,628
NHS Southport and Formby CCG	3,536,066	31,412	3,567,478	89,187
NHS St Helens CCG	5,101,508	24,654	5,126,162	128,154
NHS Bolton CCG	6,814,466	191,792	7,006,258	175,156
NHS Bury CCG	5,247,098	-7,662	5,239,436	130,986
NHS Central Manchester CCG	5,233,083	-184,856	5,048,227	126,206
NHS Heywood Middleton & Rochdale CCG	5,949,551	24,188	5,973,739	149,343
NHS North Manchester CCG	6,930,995	-244,582	6,686,413	167,160
NHS Oldham CCG	6,469,201	-86,160	6,383,041	159,576
NHS Salford CCG	7,031,770	130,096	7,161,866	179,047
NHS South Manchester CCG	4,710,625	142,006	4,852,631	121,316
NHS Stockport CCG	7,425,167	-145,978	7,279,189	181,980
NHS Tameside and Glossop CCG	6,904,888	174,450	7,079,338	176,983
NHS Trafford CCG	5,151,337	-130,820	5,020,517	125,513
NHS Wigan Borough CCG	7,814,900	181,340	7,996,240	199,906
NWS	214,651,620	695,744	215,347,364	5,383,684