Guidance on how to support the Future Operating Model (FOM) and deliver savings to Trusts

Trusts can deliver savings and support the FOM whilst ensuring they are not inadvertently disadvantaged from accessing savings via the FOM because of committing to a local or regional arrangement direct with a supplier.

The latest version of the standard NHS Terms & Conditions enables buyers, to add the Termination for Convenience clause (in Schedule 1) which provides the Trust the ability to terminate the contract at its convenience. The Termination for Convenience clause can be included in the standard NHS T&Cs by checking the box. We would strongly encourage Trusts to consider and utilise this clause where considered appropriate. This version of the standard NHS Terms & Conditions has been through a stakeholder review that included ABHI colleagues.

By way of guidance, a clause enabling termination with 90 days’ notice is being inserted into all call off contract arrangements put in place by NHS Supply Chain that straddle the transition to the FOM Category Tower Service Providers.