

What is your organisation? - Organisation	Staffordshire County Council
Do you agree that providers of services in the tariff in operation at the time at which Monitor consults on the next tariff should count towards the thresholds? - Y/N	No
Do you agree that providers of services in the tariff in operation at the time at which Monitor consults on the next tariff should count towards the thresholds? - If not, can you suggest an alternative method to base this on?	By including providers of services in the tariff at the time of consultation it will ensure that independent and voluntary sector providers are included and not just Foundation Trusts and NHS Trusts. However, it does mean that providers of services new to the tariff will not be counted in determining the threshold. Monitor needs to be able to establish a baseline for the number of providers to be able to determine if thresholds are met after the consultation. Whilst this is not ideal it is only applicable to the first year and once the providers of new services to the tariff are established they will be able to be involved in future consultations.
If yes, do you agree that this should include any such providers who are exempt from the requirement to hold a licence? - Q2	Yes, providers exempt from licensing are still providing services that are in the tariff, providing they meet the conditions that allow exemption. Therefore, to help in the consultation including the widest possible representation this should apply.
Do you agree that the data used to calculate an objection threshold should be based on total tariff income, as reported in financial accounts? - Y/N	Yes
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Are there any other providers who should count towards the threshold? - Y/N	Yes
Are there any other providers who should count towards the threshold? - If yes, please give details and reasons.	Third/Voluntary Sector providers should count as this would influence the overall price of the national tariff. ie – move away from Acute services providing/receiving
Do you agree that the objection percentage threshold should be set at 51% for commissioners? - Y/N	Yes
Do you agree that the objection percentage threshold should be set at 51% for commissioners? - If not, what figure would you propose, and why?	Yes, it keeps the threshold in line with the percentage of providers. At 51% it ensures that it is a 'majority decision' when objections are being considered.
Do you agree that the objection percentage threshold should be set at 51% for providers? - Y/N	Yes
Do you agree that the objection percentage threshold should be set at 51% for providers? - If not, what figure would you propose, and why?	Yes, it keeps the threshold in line with the percentage of commissioner and at 51% it ensures that it is a 'majority decision' when objections are being considered.
Do you agree that a provider's share of supply should be calculated across all tariff services covered by the tariff in force at the time at which the consultation takes place? - Y/N	Yes

Do you agree that a provider's share of supply should be calculated across all tariff services covered by the tariff in force at the time at which the consultation takes place? - If not, how should their share of supply be calculated?	The proposal would ensure that those providers who are likely to feel the largest impact of the pricing proposals are also able to be represented by this third objection percentage threshold. As it is a third threshold it does not preclude smaller percentage share of supply providers as they will have the opportunity to count towards objections at stage 1.
Do you agree that providers should be weighted based on income received from tariff services, as stated in the previous years financial years accounts, minus local area adjustments? - Y/N	Yes
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Do you agree that the share of supply percentage threshold should be set at the same figure as for the objection percentage thresholds, ie 51% of the total supply? - Y/N	Yes
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Do you have any evidence that the proposals in this document will impact adversely or unfairly on any protected groups? - Y/N	No
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