

What is your organisation? - Organisation	Guy's and St. Thomas' NHS Foundation Trust
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	Yes
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?	
If yes, do you agree that this should include any such providers who are exempt from the requirement to hold a licence? - Q2	Yes, on condition that the obligations on standards of provision are the same as those applicable to licenced providers.
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	No
Do you agree that the data used to calculate an objection threshold should be based on total tariff income, as reported in financial accounts? - Q3b	We suggest that the threshold for providers should be based on the value of reference costs submitted in the previous year. For example, if there were concerns about an Orthopaedic tariff, then the threshold would be set as a proportion of the total cost of Orthopaedics as declared in reference costs. For commissioners, it might be possible to extract some more granular information from their programme budgeting returns.
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.	Yes - not all providers currently provide information as part of reference cost submissions. Should they choose to do so, then they too should be able to count towards the threshold.
Do you agree that the objection percentage threshold should be set at 51% for commissioners? - Y/N	No
Do you agree that the objection percentage threshold should be set at 51% for commissioners? - If not, what figure would you propose, and why?	51% of the value of the specific service being being quesitoned , rather than 51% of the total value of commissioning.
Do you agree that the objection percentage threshold should be set at 51% for providers? - Y/N	No
Do you agree that the objection percentage threshold should be set at 51% for providers? - If not, what figure would you propose, and why?	512% of the value of the specific service being questioned. (based on reference cost submissions) rather than 51% of the Total.
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	No
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?	As described earlier, the share of supply should be calculated based on the value of the service in dispute - suggest that this could be simply calculated using reference cost submissions.
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	No

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? - If not, on what basis should they be weighted?	As described earlier, providers should be weighted calculated based on the value of the service in dispute - suggest that this could be simply calculated using reference cost submissions.
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	No
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? - If not, what percentage should be set, and why?	51% of value of service in dispute
Do you have any evidence that the proposals in this document will impact adversely or unfairly on any protected groups? - Y/N	Yes
Do you have any evidence that the proposals in this document will impact adversely or unfairly on any protected groups? - Q10	Some diseases are more prevalent in certain sections of the population. If the thresholds are set at an overall level, rather than at a service, or specialty level, then there is a risk that some sections of the population may be disadvantaged. For example if there were a perceived issue with a tariff for the provision of care for patients with sickle cell, it is possible that the sum total of income for all providers of sickle cell services, would never reach the 51% threshold.