



## **The Status of PMS Baselines in the Era of the New GMS Contract**

**Agreed North and South Essex LMC's Position (June 2005)**

North and South Essex LMC's have agreed the following principles on the status of PMS baselines following implementation of the new GMS contract:

1. There should be no unpicking of PMS Baselines by the PCT unless agreed in open and transparent discussion with the Practice signatories to the contract. (This is in accordance with the letter from Mr. John Hutton, Health Minister, October 2003).
2. In the event of an agreed variation to the baseline, there should be no retrospective "clawback" of monies, unless this provision is scheduled in the contract, or as a component of an agreed review of performance against the contract or associated "Service Level Agreements".
3. Any monies released by PMS baseline variations should be added to the Enhanced Services Floor and consequently made available for the commissioning of Primary Care services by the PCT.
4. Formal review of contracts should take place annually, in advance of its annual review date.
5. All signatories to the contract should agree variations to the contract.

Essex LMC's further agreed that a panel of members be set up to address PMS issues and any concerns or problems raised by constituents.

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