

I am writing the response to this document on behalf of the British Association of Dermatologists.

We only wish to record comments to question 10 (chapter 5): 'Will these proposals support commissioners to assure a range of high quality providers for all services?'

We say:- The British Association of Dermatologists supports the principle of commissioning based on outcomes and outputs. Where different providers of services are commissioned, competencies to provide that service need to be assured. We welcome the recent publication of the 'Guidance and competencies for the provision of services using GPs with Special Interests (GPwSIs). Quality assurance would be strengthened if these proposals were considered to be mandatory. The British Association of Dermatologists also supports commissioning which is fair and open to providers. Commissioning arrangements need to ensure that conflicts of interest (e.g. in-house referral of patients without choice) are identified and, if necessary, challenged.

I hope these comments are helpful.

Kind regards

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