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## South West London Primary Care Commissioning

### Joint Committee

<b>Agenda Item:</b>	10. Standard Operating Procedure
<b>Title of Document:</b>	Primary Care Contracting 2015-16 –Standard Operating Procedures
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<b>Summary</b>	This paper sets out NHS England’s Primary Care Commissioning Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) and Interim Policies. Interim Policies have been developed for London, by NHS England (London Region), in the absence of national policies, national negotiations for 15/16 and premises directions. These SOPs and other national initiatives inform local decision making in contract management of primary medical services and will be adhered to in reaching decisions involving SWL contract holders.
<b>Localism</b>	NHS England (London Region) has developed the following interim policies which will be used in South West London, until superseded by national policies:  <i>Discretionary Funding</i> – Funding of practices for sickness, maternity, paternity, study leave within a cash limited budget.  <i>Congestion Charge</i> – A process for claiming reimbursement of eligible Congestion Charges.  <i>Patient Registration</i> – Agreed policy with LMCs on the minimum requirements to register patients.
<b>Liaison</b>	All National SOPs are released under an NHS England Gateway process to be implemented across England. The GMS Contract Changes and DES are nationally negotiated. Negotiating partners are NHS Employers on behalf of NHS England, General Practitioners Committee (GPC) and the British Medical Association (BMA). Local policies (London Region) have been agreed by NHS England and the LMCs following appropriate legal advice to ensure compliance with current legislations.
<b>Recommendations:</b>	The Joint Committee is asked to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Note the national and local policies directing the decision making and management of primary medical services.</li> </ul>