



## **Payment Systems and Specialist Services Group 16 January 2024**

The HFMA Payment Systems and Specialist Services Group met virtually on 16 January for their first meeting of the year. The group noted that the minutes from the previous meeting were an accurate record subject to a minor amendment on attendees and noted recent HFMA publications.

The formal consultations for the proposed changes to the 2024/25 NHS payment scheme and the NHS standard contract were discussed. In general, the group were supportive of the proposed changes, although it was noted that as the 2024/25 prices are not part of the payment scheme consultation, some areas are difficult to comment on. The group also discussed the impact of not updating the baseline information for the elective recovery fund. Final publication of guidance is expected before April 2024.

An update was provided by the NHS England payment team on possible directions of travel for 2025/26 onwards. The NHS England casemix office described the significant work to update the healthcare resource groups, the results of which will be available in the 2024 release of the costing and payment groupers.

The group discussed HFMA policy work relevant to the group, including intended briefings and the specialised commissioning roundtable.

The next meeting will be held online on 21 May 2024.