

NCL ICB Board of Members Meeting (23 July 2024)
Questions from the public

Agenda item	Question	ICB response
Item 4.4 – Procurement Oversight Group Minutes (17.1.24)	Will Primary Care Services include PSR in its work and would that mean primary care contracts could come under the Preferred Provider scheme that way?	Each time a new service is procured the ICB has to consider how to procure it, in line with the NHS Provider Selection Regime. This includes for GP contracts. Each service will be assessed on a case by case basis, based on its own facts and circumstances.
Item 4.4 – Procurement Oversight Group Minutes (17.1.24)	<p>We note that the AT Medics/ Operose contracts in NCL were issued under competitive tendering rules and that Operose broke their contract with NCL in December 2023 and with many other ICBs by changing ownership without permission to the extent that NCL have issued a Breach Notice against them along with the other 5 London ICBs. We note that the PCC terminated the St Ann's contract with AT Medics after years of service failures.</p> <p>Now that NCL has the option of using the Preferred Provider process under PSR to procure a local GP led organisation will the ICB now instruct the Primary Care Committee to use this more efficient and less expensive way of obtaining safe and more patient focused Primary Care from now on?</p> <p>If the ICB feels they cannot do that, can they explain why not?</p>	<p>The ICB will assess each procurement on a case-by-case basis and on their own merits, and in accordance with the NHS Provider Selection Regime.</p> <p>The ICB is yet to determine the most suitable procurement route for the St Ann's contract, which will be done in due course.</p>