

LOC HOT BRIEF

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Delayed GOS payments March 2018 – Part 3

Special Process for remaining areas due to receive payment before the end of March

As reported in [Hot Brief 64](#) and [Hot Brief 65](#) there has been a delay in processing some GOS payments this month which PCSE have advised is due to adverse weather.

NHS England's Central Finance Team have agreed to implement a special process to ensure that all contractors in the affected areas receive a payment before the last working day in March. The process is explained on the flow chart overleaf. Contractors in the areas listed in Figure 1 will receive an ad-hoc payment on the 26/03 or 27/03 to the same value as their February 2018 GOS payment. This ad-hoc payment will be balanced against the contractor's March 2018 GOS payment once it has been processed by PCSE.

Contractors will receive a remittance notice from NHS SBS (where a valid email remittance address is held) for the ad-hoc payment paid by NHS England but will not receive a GOS statement until their claims have been fully processed by PCSE. A further remittance notice will be issued from NHS SBS showing the balance paid to the contractor on the revised payment date for their area where the March payment value is greater than the ad-hoc payment. If the March payment is less than the ad-hoc payment, then the overpayment will be deducted from the April GOS payment.

The revised payment date will be confirmed to contractors by PCSE once processing for their area has been completed. The latest payment date is expected to be 09/04/18.

NB: It is important that contractors read the information on the two remittance notices received from SBS in conjunction with their March GOS statement.

Amendment to Hot Brief 65

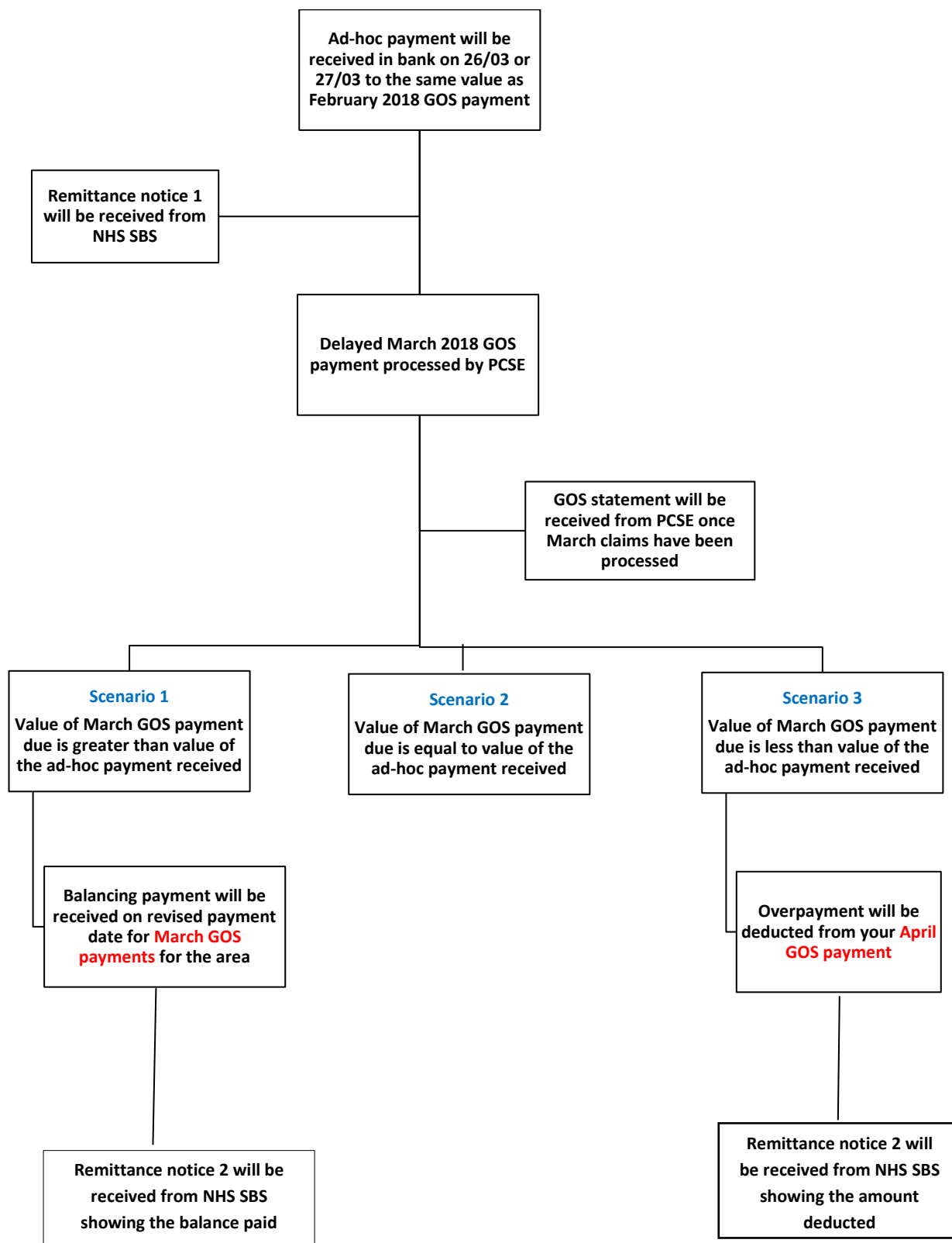
PCSE have advised that payments for **Wirral 5NK, Sefton 5NJ, Calderdale 5J6 and Kirklees 5N2** will be delayed further than predicted last week and are now expected to reach contractors' bank accounts on 26/03. Also, **Middlesbrough 5KM, Hartlepool 5D9, Stockton on Tees 5E1 and Redcar & Cleveland 5QR** have been added to the areas that will fall under the special process explained in this Hot Brief.

Figure 1**Areas to receive ad-hoc payment in March 2018**

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| Middlesbrough 5KM | Surrey 5P5 | Torbay TAL |
| Hartlepool 5D9 | Kingston 5A5 | Northants 5PD |
| Stockton on Tees 5E1 | Richmond & Twick'ham 5M6 | Halton & St Helens 5NM |
| Redcar & Cleveland 5QR | Merton & Sutton 5M7 | Knowsley 5J4 |
| South Staffs 5PK | Wandsworth 5LG | Hammersmith & Fulham 5H1 |
| North Staffs 5PH | Croydon 5K9 | Hounslow 5AT |
| Stoke 5PJ | Liverpool 5NL | Hillingdon 5HY |
| Enfield 5C1 | Gloucester 5QH | Ealing 5HX |
| Haringey 5C9 | Wiltshire 5QK | Brent 5K5 |
| Camden 5K7 | Swindon 5K3 | Harrow 5K6 |
| Islington 5K8 | Wiltshire 5QK | Chelsea & Kensington 5LA |
| Barnet 5A9 | Swindon 5K3 | Westminster 5LC |
| Leicester County 5PA | Devon 5QQ | |
| Leicester City 5PC | Plymouth 5F1 | |

Figure 2

Special Process for ad-hoc payments March 2018



Total on GOS statement should equal value of remittance notice 1 + value of remittance notice 2

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