

## **National Independent Sector Co-ordination Team**

In March 2020, as part of the NHS response to COVID-19, NHS England and NHS Improvement reached a national agreement with 27 Independent Sector Providers through the Independent Healthcare Providers Network, which secured a significant proportion of the available in-patient capacity and resource across England.

The nationally commissioned and funded contracts superseded local agreements and operated from 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2020.

At the same time NHS England and NHS Improvement established the National Independent Sector Co-ordination Team to have oversight of delivery under this national agreement.

The IS Co-ordination Team brings together members of both NHS England and NHS Improvement staff alongside colleagues from Acute Trusts to oversee the programme.