

## **Response from NHS East Midlands Strategic Health Authority**

**9 July 2009**

I would like to make the following comments about the proposed recommendations.

- Due consideration needs to be given to the hours worked cumulatively by consultants. Whilst a consultant can work beyond 48 hours for their main organisation if 'opted out' or for other organisations anyway, patient safety is paramount.
- It is difficult to monitor hours worked for multiple organisations, though for Revalidation all work will need to be declared
- There is a potential impact on the main employer of working directly with competitors which may undermine a strategy which is in patients best interests from both a quality and cost point of view.
- I would support c(i) and c(ii) but would suggest c(iii) could be modified so that it would be acceptable if the other provider has been set up jointly in some way with the host organisations, including Intellectual property
- Once agreed incorporation into the Consultant Contract would assist with clarity and avoid any misunderstandings

Regards

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