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This policy sets out the process and criteria for providers to request adjustments to the standard terms set out in the Provider Service Agreement (“the Agreement”) with the Delivery Centre. Its purpose is to ensure a transparent, consistent and fair approach to considering bespoke contractual terms, while maintaining the integrity of the Delivery Centre’s service standards.

Definitions

- **Provider:** An individual or organisation which has entered into, or seeks to enter into, a Provider Service Agreement with the Delivery Centre.
- **Bespoke Adjustment:** Any variation or amendment to the Delivery Centre’s standard Provider Service Agreement terms, whether temporary or permanent.

Procedure for Requesting a Bespoke Adjustment

Step 1 – Submission of Request

- Providers wishing to make a request for bespoke adjustments must do so in writing, addressed to the Delivery Centre Responsible Officer.
- The request must specify:
 - The exact clause(s) in question.
 - The specific changes sought.
 - The grounds and justification for the request, along with any supporting evidence.

Step 2 – Acknowledgement

- The Delivery Centre Responsible Officer will acknowledge receipt of the request in writing within five working days of submission.

Step 3 – Initial Review and Clarification

- The Delivery Centre Responsible Officer will undertake an initial review of the request and may contact the provider for further information or clarification.

Step 4 – Assessment and Consideration

- Requests are assessed on a case-by-case basis, considering:
 - Compliance with legal, regulatory, and safeguarding obligations.
 - Impact on service quality, operational processes, and other providers.
 - Risk, cost, and resource implications.

Step 5 – Decision and Notification

- A formal decision will be communicated to the provider within twenty working days of the original request (or as soon as reasonably practicable for complex cases).

Potential Outcomes

- Approved in full.
- Approved in full (with time limitation)
- Approved with modifications.
- Not approved (with reasons provided).

Documentation and Implementation

- All agreed adjustments must be documented as a formal written amendment to the relevant Provider Service Agreement, signed by both parties prior to implementation.
- No bespoke adjustment is effective until such an amendment has been executed.

Precedent and Discretion

- The granting of a bespoke adjustment to any provider does not create a binding precedent for any other provider.
- The Delivery Centre reserves the right to exercise discretion in all cases and to refuse or withdraw adjustments if circumstances materially change.

Appeals and Feedback

Providers dissatisfied with the outcome of their request may seek a review by submitting further written representations, following the Delivery Centre's standard appeals procedure.

Providers are also encouraged to submit feedback on this process to support ongoing improvement.