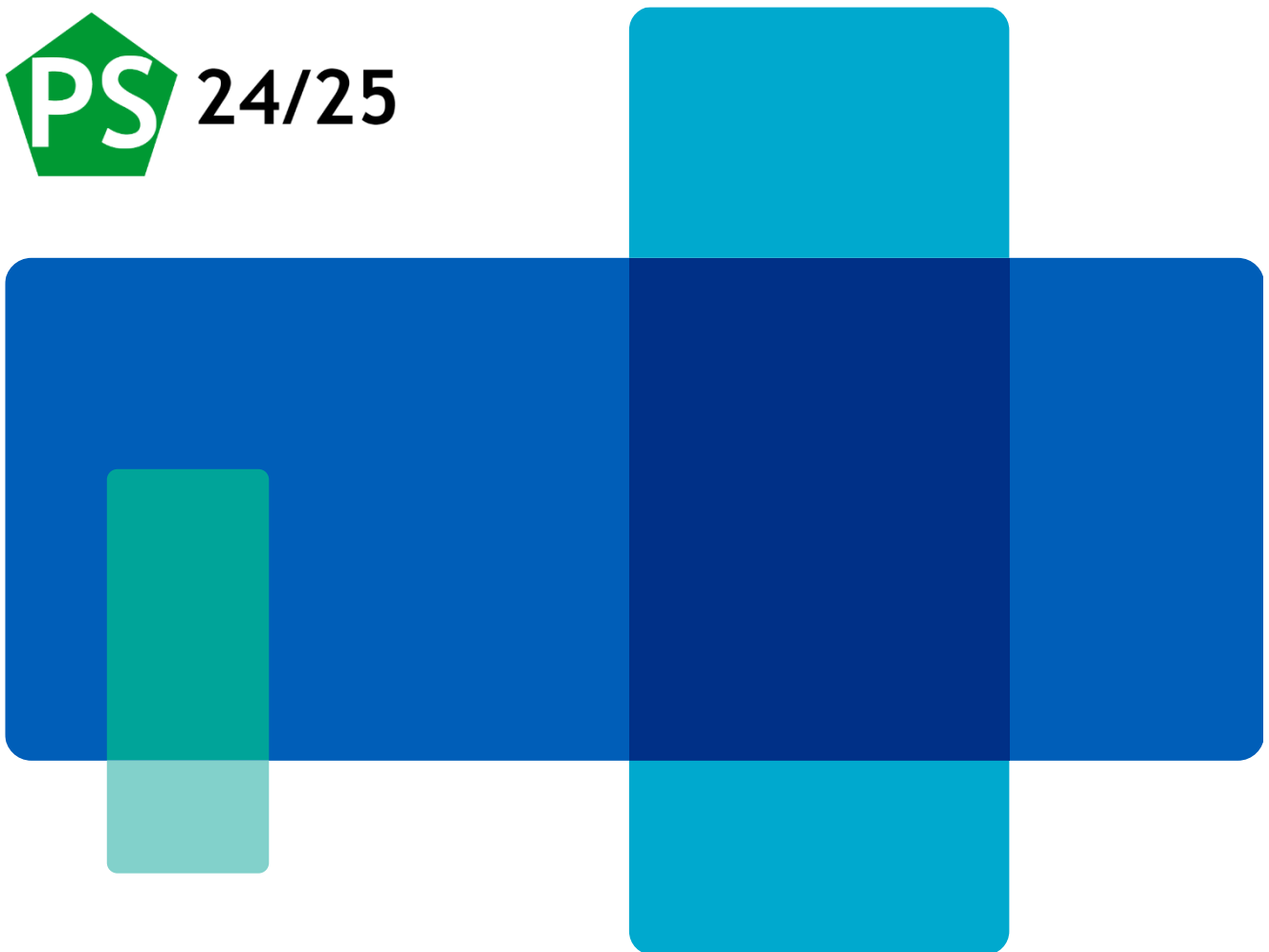


# Summary of Changes

**PSS 2024/25 Operational Tool**  
from  
**PSS 2023/24 Operational Tool**



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## Purpose

The purpose of this summary is to provide an overview of the main changes between the **PSS 2023/24 Operational Tool** and the **PSS 2024/25 Operational Tool**.

Changes are broken down by:

**Input Changes**

**Output Changes**

**Software Changes**

**Algorithm Changes**

**Design Changes**

This document is intended as a high-level summary to be used to form the basis of further analysis and investigation, rather than a comprehensive list of all differences between releases. Further supporting documentation is available from the National Casemix Office website <https://digital.nhs.uk/services/national-casemix-office>.

## Changes to the PSS Tool

The following changes have been implemented between the **PSS 2023/24 Operational Tool** and the **PSS 2024/25 Operational Tool**.

This Build represents a significant change from the **PSS 2023/24 Operational Tool** and the specific design updates to the Identification Rules are listed below.

It is also advised that users use the **PSO 2024/25 Prescribed Services Guide to Identification Rules** which gives both a summary and detailed level of the rules employed by the **PSS 2024/25 Operational Tool**.

### Input Changes

There have been no changes to the inputs.

### Output Changes

There have been no changes to the outputs.

### Software Changes

The default Start Menu folder name has been changed from NHS Digital to NHS England.

The Visual Studio Runtime component that is included in the installation wrapper has been updated from version 14.34.31931 to 14.38.33135.

This update has been made to ensure that the latest Microsoft Visual C++ Redistributable package is installed, ensuring compatibility with security and stability fixes that Microsoft have put into the runtime libraries. This package installs Microsoft C and C++ runtime libraries which the tool requires.

For further information around Microsoft Visual C++ Redistributable please see the link below:

<https://docs.microsoft.com/en-US/cpp/windows/latest-supported-vc-redist?view=msvc-170>

### Algorithm Changes

There have been no changes to the algorithm.

## Changes to the PSS 2024/25 Operational Tool (From PSS 2024/25 Planning Tool)

### Specific Design Changes

#### Changes to Age Restriction

The age restriction on the following service line has been removed:

NCBPS09A SPECIALIST BURN CARE SERVICES (ADULTS) (Both APC and NAC)

#### Changes to Provider Eligibility Lists

The following providers have been added to the eligibility lists:

RX1 NOTTINGHAM UNIVERSITY HOSPITALS NHS TRUST has been added to the following APC service lines:

|     |          |   |
|-----|----------|---|
| APC | NCBPS13E | CARDIAC SURGERY (INPATIENT)                                   |
| APC | NCBPS19B | SPECIALIST SERVICES FOR COMPLEX BILIARY DISEASES IN ADULTS    |
| APC | NCBPS19C | BILIARY TRACT CANCER SURGERY (ADULTS)                         |
| APC | NCBPS19L | SPECIALIST SERVICES FOR COMPLEX LIVER DISEASES IN ADULTS      |
| APC | NCBPS19P | SPECIALIST SERVICES FOR COMPLEX PANCREATIC DISEASES IN ADULTS |
| APC | NCBPS19M | LIVER CANCER SURGERY (ADULTS)                                 |
| APC | NCBPS19Q | PANCREATIC CANCER SURGERY (ADULTS)                            |

RVJ NORTH BRISTOL NHS TRUST has been added to the following APC service line:

APC NCBPS01Z TESTICULAR CANCER (ADULTS)

The following providers have been removed from the eligibility lists:

RA7 UNIVERSITY HOSPITALS BRISTOL AND WESTON NHS FOUNDATION TRUST has been removed from the following service lines:

|     |          |   |
|-----|----------|---|
| APC | NCBPS01L | SOFT TISSUE SARCOMA (ADULTS)  |
| APC | NCBPS01Q | RARE BRAIN AND CNS CANCER (ADULTS)                                      |
| APC | NCBPS01Z | TESTICULAR CANCER (ADULTS)  |
| APC | NCBPS13G | ADULT SPECIALIST PULMONARY HYPERTENSION SERVICES                        |
| NAC | NCBPS13G | ADULT SPECIALIST PULMONARY HYPERTENSION SERVICES                        |
| NAC | NCBPS16X | SPECIALIST IMMUNOLOGY SERVICES FOR ADULTS WITH DEFICIENT IMMUNE SYSTEMS |

RD1 ROYAL UNITED HOSPITALS BATH NHS FOUNDATION TRUST has been removed from the following service line:

NAC NCBPS13X ADULT CONGENITAL HEART DISEASE SERVICES (NON-SURGICAL)

RHW ROYAL BERKSHIRE NHS FOUNDATION TRUST has been removed from the following service line:

APC NCBPS11T RENAL TRANSPLANTATION

RVJ NORTH BRISTOL NHS TRUST has been removed from the following service lines:

APC NCBPS23M SPECIALIST NEUROSCIENCE SERVICES FOR CHILDREN  
APC NCBPS23X SPECIALIST PAEDIATRIC SURGERY SERVICES - GENERAL SURGERY  
NAC NCBPS23Q SPECIALIST ORTHOPAEDIC SERVICES FOR CHILDREN

## Changes to the PSS 2024/25 Planning Tool (From PSS 2023/24 Operational Tool)

The following changes were implemented in the **PSS 2024/25 Planning Tool** and give an audit of the change from the **PSS 2023/24 Operational Tool**

### Specific Design Changes

#### Change to NCBPS04A

Two additional approach codes have been added to the procedure criterion for NCBPS04A (SPECIALIST ADULT GYNAECOLOGICAL SURGERY SERVICES: SEVERE ENDOMETRIOSIS).

#### Change to NCBPS04L

A provider eligibility criterion has been added to NCBPS04L (SPECIALIST ADULT GYNAECOLOGICAL SURGERY SERVICES: RECONSTRUCTIVE SURGERY AND CONGENITAL ANOMALIES OF THE FEMALE GENITAL TRACT).

#### Change to NCBPS11T

The age criterion has been removed from NCBPS11T (ADULT SPECIALIST RENAL SERVICES: RENAL TRANSPLANTATION) so the rule now applies to all ages.

#### Change to NCBPS13G APC and NAC

NCBPS13G (ADULT SPECIALIST PULMONARY HYPERTENSION SERVICES) in both APC and NAC settings, has had new rules added to include the records previously identified as NCBPS29A (ADULT SPECIALIST RESPIRATORY SERVICES: PULMONARY VASCULAR SERVICES).

### **Change to NCBPS13T**

Three additional rules have been added to NCBPS13T, identifying specific procedures. The name of the service line has been changed to COMPLEX INTERVENTIONAL CARDIOLOGY (ADULTS).

### **Change to NCBPS19L**

A number of diagnosis and procedure codes have been removed from NCBPS19L (SPECIALIST SERVICES FOR COMPLEX LIVER DISEASES IN ADULTS). These are now identified by new service lines (see below).

### **Change to NCBPS19P**

A number of diagnosis and procedure codes have been removed from NCBPS19P (SPECIALIST SERVICES FOR COMPLEX PANCREATIC DISEASES IN ADULTS). These are now identified by new service lines (see below).

### **Change to NCBPS33B**

Two additional procedure codes have been added to the criteria for NCBPS33B (SPECIALIST COLORECTAL SURGERY SERVICES (ADULTS): COMPLEX INFLAMMATORY BOWEL DISEASE).

### **Addition of new service line NCBPS08J**

A new service line has been added to capture SELECTIVE DORSAL RHIZOTOMY.

### **Addition of new service line NCBPS08V**

A new service line has been added to capture MR-GUIDED LASER INTERSTITIAL THERMAL THERAPY (MRgLITT) (ADULTS).

### **Addition of new service line NCBPS08W**

A new service line has been added to capture MR-GUIDED LASER INTERSTITIAL THERMAL THERAPY (MRgLITT) (CHILDREN).

### **Addition of new service line NCBPS08Z**

A new service line has been added to capture COMPLEX NEURO-SPINAL SURGERY SERVICES (ADULTS AND CHILDREN).

### **Addition of new service line NCBPS19B**

A new service line has been added to capture SPECIALIST SERVICES FOR COMPLEX BILIARY DISEASES IN ADULTS. Previously this activity would have gone to NCBPS19L (SPECIALIST SERVICES FOR COMPLEX LIVER DISEASES IN ADULTS).

### **Addition of new service line NCBPS19C**

A new service line has been added to capture BILIARY TRACT CANCER SURGERY (ADULTS). Previously this activity would have gone to NCBPS19L (SPECIALIST SERVICES FOR COMPLEX LIVER DISEASES IN ADULTS) or NCBPS19P (SPECIALIST SERVICES FOR COMPLEX PANCREATIC DISEASES IN ADULTS).

### **Addition of new service line NCBPS19M**

A new service line has been added to capture LIVER CANCER SURGERY (ADULTS). Previously this activity would have gone to NCBPS19L (SPECIALIST SERVICES FOR COMPLEX LIVER DISEASES IN ADULTS) or NCBPS19P (SPECIALIST SERVICES FOR COMPLEX PANCREATIC DISEASES IN ADULTS).

### **Addition of new service line NCBPS19Q**

A new service line has been added to capture PANCREATIC CANCER SURGERY (ADULTS). Previously this activity would have gone to NCBPS19P (SPECIALIST SERVICES FOR COMPLEX PANCREATIC DISEASES IN ADULTS)

### **Addition of new service line NCBPS29L**

A new service line has been added to capture LUNG VOLUME REDUCTION (ADULTS).

### **Addition of new service line NCBPS29X**

A new service line has been added to capture ADULT PECTUS SURGERY.

### **Addition of new service line NCBPS29Y**

A new service line has been added to capture PAEDIATRIC PECTUS SURGERY.

### **Addition of new service line NCBPS33R**

A new service line has been added to capture SPECIALIST COLORECTAL SURGERY SERVICES: RECTOPEXY MESH REMOVAL.

### **Addition of new service line NCBPS34J**

A new service line has been added to capture ORTHOPAEDIC SERVICES: JOINT PRESERVATION SURGERY (ADULTS).

### **Addition of new service line NCBPS51A**

A new service line has been added to capture INTERVENTIONAL ONCOLOGY (ADULTS).

### **Addition of new service line NCBPS51B APC and NAC**

A new service line has been added to capture BRACHYTHERAPY (ADULTS), in both APC and NAC settings.

### **Addition of new service line NCBPS51E**

A new service line has been added to capture PELVIC EXENTERATION SURGERY.

### **Addition of new service line NCBPS58A**

A new service line has been added to capture NEUROSURGERY LVHC NATIONAL: SURGICAL REMOVAL OF CLIVAL CHORDOMA AND CHONDROSARCOMA. These are low-volume neurosurgery procedures, that would have been captured under other service lines.

### **Addition of new service line NCBPS58B**

A new service line has been added to capture NEUROSURGERY LVHC NATIONAL: EC-IC BYPASS (COMPLEX/HIGH FLOW). These are low-volume neurosurgery procedures, that would have been captured under other service lines.

### **Addition of new service line NCBPS58C**

A new service line has been added to capture NEUROSURGERY LVHC NATIONAL: TRANSORAL EXCISION OF DENS. These are low-volume neurosurgery procedures, that would have been captured under other service lines.

### **Addition of new service line NCBPS58D**

A new service line has been added to capture NEUROSURGERY LVHC REGIONAL: ANTERIOR SKULL BASED TUMOURS. These are low-volume neurosurgery procedures, that would have been captured under other service lines.

### **Addition of new service line NCBPS58E**

A new service line has been added to capture NEUROSURGERY LVHC REGIONAL: LATERAL SKULL BASED TUMOURS. These are low-volume neurosurgery procedures, that would have been captured under other service lines.

### **Addition of new service line NCBPS58F**

A new service line has been added to capture NEUROSURGERY LVHC REGIONAL: SURGICAL REMOVAL OF BRAINSTEM LESIONS. These are low-volume neurosurgery procedures, that would have been captured under other service lines.

### **Addition of new service line NCBPS58G**

A new service line has been added to capture NEUROSURGERY LVHC REGIONAL: DEEP BRAIN STIMULATION. These are low-volume neurosurgery procedures, that would have been captured under other service lines.

### **Addition of new service line NCBPS58H**

A new service line has been added to capture NEUROSURGERY LVHC REGIONAL: PINEAL TUMOUR SURGERIES – RESECTION. These are low-volume neurosurgery procedures, that would have been captured under other service lines.

### **Addition of new service line NCBPS58I**

A new service line has been added to capture NEUROSURGERY LVHC REGIONAL: REMOVAL OF ARTERIOVENOUS MALFORMATIONS OF THE NERVOUS SYSTEM. These are low-volume neurosurgery procedures, that would have been captured under other service lines.

### **Addition of new service line NCBPS58J**

A new service line has been added to capture NEUROSURGERY LVHC REGIONAL: EPILEPSY. These are low-volume neurosurgery procedures, that would have been captured under other service lines.

### **Addition of new service line NCBPS58K**

A new service line has been added to capture NEUROSURGERY LVHC REGIONAL: INSULA GLIOMAS / COMPLEX LOW GRADE GLIOMAS. These are low-volume neurosurgery procedures, that would have been captured under other service lines.

### **Addition of new service line NCBPS58L**

A new service line has been added to capture NEUROSURGERY LVHC LOCAL: ANTERIOR LUMBAR FUSION. These are low-volume neurosurgery procedures, that would have been captured under other service lines.

### **Addition of new service line NCBPS58M**

A new service line has been added to capture NEUROSURGERY LVHC LOCAL: REMOVAL OF INTRAMEDULLARY SPINAL TUMOURS. These are low-volume neurosurgery procedures, that would have been captured under other service lines.

### **Addition of new service line NCBPS58N**

A new service line has been added to capture NEUROSURGERY LVHC LOCAL: INTRAVENTRICULAR TUMOURS RESECTION. These are low-volume neurosurgery procedures, that would have been captured under other service lines.

### **Addition of new service line NCBPS58O**

A new service line has been added to capture NEUROSURGERY LVHC LOCAL: SURGICAL REPAIR OF ANEURYSMS (SURGICAL CLIPPING). These are low-volume neurosurgery procedures, that would have been captured under other service lines.

### **Addition of new service line NCBPS58P**

A new service line has been added to capture NEUROSURGERY LVHC LOCAL: THORACIC DISCECTOMY. These are low-volume neurosurgery procedures, that would have been captured under other service lines.

### **Addition of new service line NCBPS58Q**

A new service line has been added to capture NEUROSURGERY LVHC LOCAL: MICROVASCULAR DECOMPRESSION FOR TRIGEMINAL NEURALGIA. These are low-volume neurosurgery procedures, that would have been captured under other service lines.

### **Addition of new service line NCBPS58R**

A new service line has been added to capture NEUROSURGERY LVHC LOCAL: AWAKE SURGERY FOR REMOVAL OF BRAIN TUMOURS. These are low-volume neurosurgery procedures, that would have been captured under other service lines.

### **Addition of new service line NCBPS58S**

A new service line has been added to capture NEUROSURGERY LVHC LOCAL: REMOVAL OF PITUITARY TUMOURS INCLUDING FOR CUSHINGS AND ACROMEGALY. These are low-volume neurosurgery procedures, that would have been captured under other service lines.

### **Addition of new service line NCBPS61M**

A new service line has been added to capture SPECIALIST CANCER SERVICES (ADULTS): HEAD AND NECK CANCER SURGERY.

### **Addition of new service line NCBPS61Q**

A new service line has been added to capture SPECIALIST CANCER SERVICES (ADULTS): EYE CANCER SURGERY & OTHER CNS CANCER SURGERY.

### **Addition of new service line NCBPS61U**

A new service line has been added to capture SPECIALIST CANCER SERVICES (ADULTS): OESOPHAGEAL AND GASTRIC CANCER SURGERY.

### **Addition of new service line NCBPS61Z**

A new service line has been added to capture SPECIALIST CANCER SERVICES (ADULTS): TESTICULAR CANCER SURGERY.

### **Addition of new service line NCBPS73M**

A new service line has been added to capture CHILDRENS EPILEPSY SURGERY SERVICE.

### **Addition of new service line NCBPS73S**

A new service line has been added to capture RENAL TRANSPLANTATION (CHILDREN).

### **Addition of new service line NCBPS73T**

A new service line has been added to capture MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS MANAGEMENT SERVICE FOR CHILDREN.

### **Addition of new service line NCBPS73X APC and NAC**

A new service line has been added to capture SPECIALIST PAEDIATRIC SURGERY SERVICES – GYNAECOLOGY, in both APC and NAC settings.

### **Removal of service line NCBPS29A**

The rules previously identifying NCBPS29A (ADULT SPECIALIST RESPIRATORY SERVICES: PULMONARY VASCULAR SERVICES) have been incorporated into NCBPS13G (ADULT SPECIALIST PULMONARY HYPERTENSION SERVICES), and NCBPS29A has been removed.

### **Changes to service line hierarchy**

Service line hierarchies have been adjusted to accommodate the deleted and new service lines.

### **Changes to Provider Eligibility Lists**

Additional Provider codes have been added to the eligibility lists for the following service lines:

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| NCBPS01J APC - SPECIALIST CANCER SERVICES (ADULTS): ANAL CANCER                       |
| NCBPS01Z APC - SPECIALIST CANCER SERVICES (ADULTS): TESTICULAR CANCER                 |
| NCBPS04A APC - SPECIALIST ADULT GYNAECOLOGICAL SURGERY SERVICES: SEVERE ENDOMETRIOSIS |

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|---|
| NCBPS06A APC and NAC - SPINAL CORD INJURY SERVICES (ADULTS AND CHILDREN)                    |
| NCBPS13G APC and NAC - ADULT SPECIALIST PULMONARY HYPERTENSION SERVICES                     |
| NCBPS13X NAC - ADULT CONGENITAL HEART DISEASE SERVICES                                      |
| NCBPS14A APC - ADULT SPECIALIST SERVICES FOR PEOPLE LIVING WITH HIV                         |
| NCBPS14C APC - SPECIALIST SERVICES FOR CHILDREN WITH INFECTIOUS DISEASES: HIV               |
| NCBPS18A APC - SPECIALIST SERVICES FOR ADULTS WITH INFECTIOUS DISEASES: INFECTIOUS DISEASES |
| NCBPS18C APC - SPECIALIST SERVICES FOR CHILDREN WITH INFECTIOUS DISEASES                    |
| NCBPS23M NAC - SPECIALIST NEUROSCIENCE SERVICES FOR CHILDREN                                |
| NCBPS23Q APC and NAC - SPECIALIST ORTHOPAEDIC SERVICES FOR CHILDREN                         |
| NCBPS23T APC and NAC - SPECIALIST RESPIRATORY SERVICES FOR CHILDREN                         |
| NCBPS24Y APC and NAC - SPECIALIST CANCER SERVICES (ADULTS): SKIN CANCER                     |
| NCBPS24Z APC and NAC - SPECIALIST DERMATOLOGY SERVICES (ADULTS AND CHILDREN)                |
| NCBPS26Z NAC - ADULT SPECIALIST RHEUMATOLOGY SERVICES                                       |
| NCBPS29M APC and NAC - ADULT SPECIALIST RESPIRATORY SERVICES: INTERSTITIAL LUNG DISEASE     |
| NCBPS29S APC - ADULT SPECIALIST RESPIRATORY SERVICES: SEVERE ASTHMA                         |
| NCBPS36Z NAC - SPECIALIST METABOLIC DISORDER SERVICES (ADULT AND CHILDREN)                  |

Provider codes have been removed from the eligibility lists for the following service lines:

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|---|
| NCBPS01J APC - SPECIALIST CANCER SERVICES (ADULTS): ANAL CANCER |
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| NCBPS01Z APC - SPECIALIST CANCER SERVICES (ADULTS): TESTICULAR CANCER                                      |
| NCBPS02Z NAC - HAEMATOPOIETIC STEM CELL TRANSPLANTATION SERVICES (ADULTS AND CHILDREN)                     |
| NCBPS03X APC and NAC - SPECIALIST SERVICES FOR HAEMOPHILIA AND OTHER RELATED BLEEDING DISORDERS (ADULTS)   |
| NCBPS03Y APC and NAC - SPECIALIST SERVICES FOR HAEMOPHILIA AND OTHER RELATED BLEEDING DISORDERS (CHILDREN) |
| NCBPS09C APC and NAC - SPECIALIST BURN CARE SERVICES (CHILDREN)  |
| NCBPS11T APC and NAC - ADULT SPECIALIST RENAL SERVICES: RENAL TRANSPLANTATION                              |
| NCBPS13C APC - ADULT SPECIALIST CARDIAC SERVICES: INHERITED CARDIAC CONDITIONS                             |
| NCBPS13E APC - ADULT SPECIALIST CARDIAC SERVICES: CARDIAC SURGERY (INPATIENT)                              |
| NCBPS13F APC - ADULT SPECIALIST CARDIAC SERVICES: PPCI FOR ST- ELEVATION MYOCARDIAL INFARCTION             |
| NCBPS13X APC - ADULT CONGENITAL HEART DISEASE SERVICES   |
| NCBPS13Y APC - ADULT CONGENITAL HEART DISEASE SURGICAL SERVICES  |
| NCBPS14A APC - ADULT SPECIALIST SERVICES FOR PEOPLE LIVING WITH HIV  |
| NCBPS16X APC and NAC - SPECIALIST IMMUNOLOGY SERVICES FOR ADULTS WITH DEFICIENT IMMUNE SYSTEMS             |
| NCBPS18T APC - SPECIALIST SERVICES FOR ADULTS WITH INFECTIOUS DISEASES: TROPICAL DISEASES                  |
| NCBPS19L APC - SPECIALIST SERVICES FOR COMPLEX LIVER DISEASES IN ADULTS                                    |

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| NCBPS19P APC - SPECIALIST SERVICES FOR COMPLEX PANCREATIC DISEASES IN ADULTS                                 |
| NCBPS23A APC - SPECIALIST CANCER SERVICES FOR CHILDREN AND YOUNG ADULTS: PAEDIATRIC CANCER                   |
| NCBPS23B NAC - PAEDIATRIC CARDIAC SERVICES   |
| NCBPS23F APC and NAC - SPECIALIST GASTROENTEROLOGY, HEPATOLOGY AND NUTRITIONAL SUPPORT SERVICES FOR CHILDREN |
| NCBPS23M NAC - SPECIALIST NEUROSCIENCE SERVICES FOR CHILDREN   |
| NCBPS23N APC - SPECIALIST OPHTHALMOLOGY SERVICES FOR CHILDREN  |
| NCBPS23Q APC and NAC - SPECIALIST ORTHOPAEDIC SERVICES FOR CHILDREN  |
| NCBPS23S APC - SPECIALIST RENAL SERVICES FOR CHILDREN  |
| NCBPS23W NAC - SPECIALIST RHEUMATOLOGY SERVICES FOR CHILDREN   |
| NCBPS23X NAC - SPECIALIST PAEDIATRIC SURGERY SERVICES  |
| NCBPS27B APC - ISLET TRANSPLANTATION SERVICE (ADULTS)  |
| NCBPS30Z APC and NAC - ADULT SPECIALIST VASCULAR SERVICES  |

## Further Information

If you have further questions relating to the change in the specification of the Identification Rules, please contact NHS England Specialised Commissioning Team at [england.booffice\\_speccom@nhs.net](mailto:england.booffice_speccom@nhs.net)

If you have any questions or issues regarding the functionality of the **PSS 2024/25 Operational Tool**, please contact [enquiries@nhsdigital.nhs.uk](mailto:enquiries@nhsdigital.nhs.uk)