

**Reference:** FOI.ICB-2324/336

**Subject:** Practice Plus Group (PPG)

*I can confirm that the ICB does hold the information requested; please see responses below:*

QUESTION	RESPONSE
<p>I don't quite understand how this provider gets that contract? It seems like multispeciality providers can just set up any services of their choosing? What is the process that was followed?</p>	<p>PPG (Practice Plus Group) is a successor organisation to a provider that has operated out of Emersons Green since 2008 when this facility was developed as part of the ISTC programme. The ISTC (Independent sector treatment centres) programme ceased in 2015 and since this the ICB, and its predecessor CCG, has entered into an Any Qualified Provider (AQP) contract with PPG.</p> <p>Further details on how the AQP provision was developed is available online here - <a href="https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/media/5a755c5840f0b6397f35dd39/dh_128462.pdf">https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/media/5a755c5840f0b6397f35dd39/dh_128462.pdf</a></p> <p>In line with all acute services contracts managed by the ICB, we monitor performance both in terms of quantity and quality of provision, meeting regularly with clinical and managerial leads at PPG to ensure that the patient receives the appropriate treatment.</p> <p>The enquirer may wish to note that changes to the AQP system are shortly to come into force to support new provision to treat patients - <a href="https://www.england.nhs.uk/commissioning/how-commissioning-is-changing/nhs-provider-selection-regime/">https://www.england.nhs.uk/commissioning/how-commissioning-is-changing/nhs-provider-selection-regime/</a></p>

***The information provided in this response is accurate as of 6 December 2023 and has been approved for release by Sarah Truelove, Deputy Chief Executive and Chief Finance Officer for NHS Bristol, North Somerset and South Gloucestershire ICB.***