

Item

CLINICAL COMMISSIONING GROUP (CCG)

**Minutes of the Primary Care Commissioning Committee held on
Wednesday 1st July 2015
in Rooms 1 and 2, Blackburn Central Library,
Town Hall Street, Blackburn, BB2 1AG**

PRESENT:

Mr Joe Slater	Chairman (Chair)
Mrs Debbie Nixon	Chief Operating Officer
Mr Roger Parr	Chief Finance Officer
Dr Malcolm Ridgway	Clinical Director for Quality and Primary Care
Mr Paul Hinnigan	Lay Member - Governance
Dr Nigel Horsfield	Lay Member - Secondary Care Doctor (Retired)
Mr Ian Grimshaw	Lay Member

IN ATTENDANCE:

Sarah Danson	NHS England
Gifford Kerr	Public Health
Peter Sellars	Primary Care Transformation and Development Manager
Hannah Sellers	CCG Development Officer (minutes)

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2.01	<p>Chairman's Welcome</p> <p>The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting and gave a short briefing with regards to the formation of the committee, content of the agenda and housekeeping.</p> <p>Members of the Committee introduced themselves for the benefit of the public attendees.</p>								
2.02	<p>Apologies for Absence and Confirmation of Quoracy</p> <p>Apologies for absence were received in respect of:</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>Dr Stephen Gunn</td> <td>Clinical Lead for Primary Care</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Mrs Anne Asher</td> <td>Lay Member - Nurse Representative</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Cllr Mohammed Khan</td> <td>Blackburn with Darwen Council</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Mr Mark Rasburn</td> <td>Blackburn with Darwen Healthwatch</td> </tr> </table> <p>The meeting was confirmed as quorate.</p>	Dr Stephen Gunn	Clinical Lead for Primary Care	Mrs Anne Asher	Lay Member - Nurse Representative	Cllr Mohammed Khan	Blackburn with Darwen Council	Mr Mark Rasburn	Blackburn with Darwen Healthwatch
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2.03	<p>Declarations of Interest</p> <p>The Chair asked members if they would like to declare any conflicts of interest relating to items on the agenda. There were no declarations of interest. The Chair reminded people that if in the course of the meeting they considered a conflict had arisen for them they should declare at that point.</p>								

<p>2.04</p> <p>Questions from Members of the Public</p> <p>No questions had been received with advance notice; however a member of the public requested to ask a question regarding Care.Data and the Chair accepted.</p> <p>Q I would like an update on Care.Data. I received a press release about 10 days ago saying that it was starting in July but now I understand that it is not.</p> <p>A Blackburn with Darwen is one of the four pathfinders in the country and was originally supposed to go in early July. A decision was taken with NHS England to delay the start date and commence with the three other pathfinders in September 2015 as a group of four.</p>	
<p>2.05.</p>	<p>Dates and Duration of Future Meetings</p> <p>The Chair explained that the current duration of the meetings does not now appear to be a sufficient amount of time for the volume of important of business which must be brought to the meeting.</p> <p>There was a brief discussion around the benefits of seeking an alternative dates and times and it was agreed that this should be taken forward, ensuring that the times and locations chosen are suitable for members of the public as well as members of the committee.</p>
<p>2.06.1</p> <p>2.06.2</p>	<p>Minutes of the Meeting held on 6th May</p> <p>The minutes of the previous meeting were accepted as an accurate record.</p> <p>Matters Arising</p> <p>Mr Paul Hinnigan asked regarding an implementation plan for the Primary Care Strategy. Mr Peter Sellars explained that a Primary Care Co-commissioning Design Team had been formed which has four main elements involved within it with designated people working on the associated projects.</p>
<p>2.07</p>	<p>Alternative Provider Medical Services (APMS) Contract Review</p> <p>Dr Malcolm Ridgway presented the paper and provided members with a background of the three contracts held within Blackburn with Darwen. Dr Ridgway explained that an APMS contract can be held by any provider, not specifically GPs as is the case with the other two types of contract. The two APMS practices within Blackburn with Darwen have come to an end of their contract period and now a decision needs to be taken on how to move forward. The two options given by NHS England are to re-procure or disperse the practice list; Dr Ridgway explained the different options, providing information regarding the practices with regards to list size and viability. Dr Ridgway went on to recommend a third option, being put forward by Blackburn with Darwen CCG. The third option would be to make the two practices into one practice, operating over two sites and procure a provider for this new combined practice.</p> <p>Mr Peter Sellars contributed to the discussion by providing timeframes, highlighting that the further extension of the contract would be for the period from now up to September 2016 and in effect this would be when the third option would potentially be mobilised.</p> <p>Questions and answers followed.</p> <p>RESOLVED: That members agreed the preferred option which is to jointly procure the two practices, Waterside Surgery and Bentham Road Health Centre noting the need to further extend the current contracts to ensure no gap in provision of services to patients</p>

<p>2.08</p>	<p>Personal Medical Services (PMS) Contract Review</p> <p>Dr Malcolm Ridgway presented the report to members which explained that the PMS premiums are over that of the General Medical Service (GMS) premiums. The PMS practices were originally contracted to increase the range of services offered and in return were better funded , however it has transpired over time that the majority of these practices are not providing services over and above those provided by GMS practices.</p> <p>As the Government has now suggested that PMS practices are equalised with GMS practices, the PMS premiums associated with the contract now need to be taken from the existing contracts and equally distributed across practices in Blackburn with Darwen. Dr Ridgway confirmed that the proposal is that monies will be taken from April 2016.</p> <p>Mr Peter Sellars provided some further information regarding this proposal to utilise some of the monies across Primary Care to assist in General Practice development. It was confirmed that the use of the monies would be discussed on a case by case basis.</p> <p>Questions and answers followed.</p> <p>RESOLVED: That members:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. noted the content of the paper. ii. agreed to the proposal to deduct the PMS premiums from April 2016 following signed contract variations. iii. agreed in principle to the reinvestment of monies into Primary Care, subject to the approval of individual business cases. iv. agreed the development of a framework for the GMS+ contract model for April roll out.
<p>2.09</p>	<p>Proposal for Developing a Quality Contract (GMS+)</p> <p>Dr Malcolm Ridgway presented the paper which outlined a proposal to develop a quality contract, combining enhanced and improved services. Dr Ridgway explained that similar contracts are already being proposed and implemented within other CCGs and these initiatives provide practices with a stable contract which gives them the confidence to invest in the practice to raise the quality of services offered to patients. Dr Ridgway explained that the contract is in the very early stages of development and highlighted that the paper is presented for the purpose of updating members and requesting their support ifor the continuation of work to design the contract.</p> <p>Questions and answers followed.</p> <p>RESOLVED: That members:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. noted the content of the report ii. agreed to support the work on the development of the new contract iii. agreed to receive regular updates
<p>2.10</p>	<p>Medicines Optimisation Scheme 2015-16</p> <p>Dr Malcolm Ridgway presented the paper and gave a brief history of previous schemes, explaining that the development of a new scheme reflects the requirement to focus on medicines optimisation, prescribing and waste, in addition to quality and cost as has been the main focus in previous schemes.</p> <p>Dr Ridgway highlighted the main elements of the scheme and gave an explanation of the rationale behind the measures detailed therein.</p>

	<p>Questions and answers followed.</p> <p>RESOLVED: That members:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. noted the content of the report ii. approved the Medicines Optimisation Scheme 2015-16.
2.11	<p>Primary Care Finance Report</p> <p>Mr Roger Parr presented the report to members, explaining that the report is compiled to bring together the various elements of Primary Care that the CCG is now responsible for including £20 million for delegated primary care co-commissioning. Mr Parr went on to highlight the elements and the associated amount of money included in the Primary Care budget.</p> <p>Mr Parr advised that at month 2, the CCG are reporting a breakeven position with expenditure in line with the budget forecast. Mr Parr asked members to note that the prescribing budget is volatile and is acknowledged as a risk by the Governing Body. He also highlighted that it is not yet known whether the funding received in relation to Primary Care Co-commissioning will be sufficient to cover costs and the allocations can be reconsidered in respect of either increasing or decreasing funding; members were also asked to note this as a risk.</p> <p>Questions and answers followed.</p> <p>RESOLVED: That members noted the content of the report and the associated risks.</p>
2.12	<p>General Practice Workforce Planning Update</p> <p>Mr Peter Sellars presented the update to members, providing an overview of the initiatives currently in place, as part of the Primary Care Strategy. Research has been carried out into demographics of General Practice workforce and work is underway to further analyse the data in order to effectively plan for the future. Mr Sellars highlighted national programmes currently in operation which Blackburn with Darwen will work with and align to their own plans in order to build a workforce for the future.</p> <p>Questions and answers followed.</p> <p>RESOLVED: That members noted the content of the update.</p>
2.13	<p>Prime Minister's Challenge Fund Update</p> <p>Mr Roger Parr presented the update and briefly clarified the current position of the various aspects of the Prime Minister's Challenge Fund project. Mr Parr advised that he would take the paper as read but welcomed any questions.</p> <p>Questions and answers followed.</p> <p>RESOLVED: That members noted the content of the update.</p>
2.12	<p>Date and Time of Next Meeting</p> <p>As per item 2.05, new dates and times for the Primary Care Co-commissioning Committee Meetings will be sought. Members will be advised of the new dates and future meetings will continue to be advertised on the CCG's website for the benefit of members of the public.</p> <p>The Chair thanked everyone for their attendance and input and the meeting closed.</p>