

PRIMARY CARE CO-COMMISSIONING COMMITTEE MEETING

Primary Care Update Report

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CCG Corporate Objectives

To extend the life of our citizens and their quality of life adding life to years as well as years to life.	Y
To ensure there will be no gaps, no duplication – with integrated services and partnership working; including better relationships with voluntary, community and faith sector organisations	Y
To engage and encourage patients and the public to participate in everything we do and the importance of self-care and family wellbeing.	
To improve services and tackle inequality, evidence best practice to inform decisions and root out poor practice.	
To offer effective service interventions which will provide a better experience for patients with privacy and dignity.	

CCG High Impact Changes

Delivering high quality Primary Care at scale and improving access	Y
Self-Care and Early Intervention	
Enhanced and Integrated Primary Care and Better Care Fund	
Access to Re-ablement and Intermediate Care	
Improved hospital discharge and reduced length of stay	
Community based ambulatory care for specific conditions	
Access to high quality Urgent and Emergency Care	
Scheduled Care	
Quality	Y

Programme Leadership:

Clinical Lead	Dr Malcolm Ridgway
Senior Lead Manager	Mr Peter Sellars
Report authorised by	Dr Malcolm Ridgway

Decision Recommendations

The Primary Care Co-commissioning Committee (PCCC) is asked to receive this report and note the items as detailed.

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1) Introduction

This report provides the PCCC with an update on national and local Primary Care news and information, covering areas not included elsewhere on the agenda. It also informs the PCCC of the work carried out by the Primary Care Group and highlights any topics that the PCCC needs to be aware of.

2) General Practice Update

Workforce

Interviews for the North West Physician's Associate Pilot Programme were held on 24th, 25th and 26th November 2015 after candidates had been carefully selected from over 300 potential applicants. Interviewees were subject to a rigorous selection criteria and the successful candidates are of a high calibre.

Practices have received information around the programme via email and also during the CCG Practice Manager Forum, where there was opportunity for questions and discussion with Dr Stephen Gunn, who was part of the interview process on 25th November 2015. There have been 2 expressions of interest from Blackburn with Darwen practices thus far, with the programme due to start in early 2016, with the first placement in General Practice commencing in Spring 2016.

In addition, work has commenced with the CCG Practice Manager Forum, aiming to aid member practices with workforce pressures by increasing their awareness of the support available through Health Education North West (HENW) and the various possibilities available in relation to roles within General Practice. The CCG are consulting with HENW with regards to this project to ensure that Practice Managers have input into potential models of working and to share information effectively.

Winter Resilience Scheme

Blackburn with Darwen practices were asked to take part in a winter resilience scheme where practices can provide additional appointments over the three week period surrounding Christmas and New Year, on days where there is evidence of increased demand. 20 out of 27 practices submitted applications and these have been approved by the CCG.

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3) Primary Care Group Update

The key focus of the Primary Care Group has been to ensure that the development of the Quality and Outcomes Enhanced Services Transformation (QOEST) scheme is on schedule and that the draft scheme is meeting the required criteria and is coherent with the vision of the CCG.

The group has also discussed upcoming training and development events and the ongoing Leadership in General Practice Programme, which is being facilitated by Primary Care Commissioning. The feedback from delegates indicates that the course is being well received by delegates and will strengthen their skills in their individual work areas.

4) Prime Minister's Challenge Fund Project Update

The three spokes of the Prime Ministers Challenge Fund (PMCF) continue to see patients during the week. The main risk to the pilot is workforce capacity and this is being closely managed. Weekend access is now available and demand is looking low in particular on a Sunday. The demand on the service will form part of the appraisal of the pilot. Feedback from the practices is being sought on how the current operational model could be improved. Discussions are ongoing with East Lancashire Hospital Trust (ELHT) regarding the development of a Hub in the Accident and Emergency Department. A few practices have been identified to implement a new triage model that aims to increase access to General Practice and these models will be evaluated and potentially rolled out across more practices in the future.

Dr Malcolm Ridgway
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