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Agenda item 7

Primary Care Contracting update

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Appendices to this report	
Appendix 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none">•
Appendix 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none">•
Associated Papers	
Papers previously considered by this CCG	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Routine contracting reports to the Committee
CCG Policy Documents	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Delegation Agreements
External Documents	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• NHS England Primary Care Medical Policy and Guidance Manual

Executive Summary

1. Summary of the report

1. The purpose of this paper is to update committee members on the progress of our contracting activities as they relate to primary care, aligned to our fully delegated co-commissioning responsibilities in place since 1 April 2017.
2. Included in this report are:-
 - Notification of variation applications received/update on agreed variations
 - Update on PCNs including the national consultation on service specifications
 - Update on Primary Care Premises
 - Update on Urgent primary care contract parachute provider framework

2. Recommendations

3. The Committee are asked to note:-
 - the contents of this report
4. The Committee are asked to advise:-
 - Comments to be included in the CCG response to the PCN service specification consultation

Applications and variations

5. Dr S Sooriakumaran joined Dr V Sooriakumaran at the Prince Avenue surgery as a partner in April 2019. No contract variation was requested at that time.
6. On the 16 December 2019, Dr Malik submitted a letter of application to exercise his right to revert to GMS from his current PMS contract as at the 1st April 2020. The financial impact of this variation is minimal given that Dr Malik had already completed the PMS premium reduction process though there may be a small increase to the global sum value to take account of allocation due in regards to temporary residents. This fee is not payable under PMS and this calculation is in line with all previous PMS-GMS transfers.
7. On the 16 December 2019, the CCG were notified that Church View surgery had

a new partner join the practice in August 2018. No formal contract variation notice was received at that time though the practice did advise PCSE in regards to pension payments etc. Due to a long delay in PCSE processing that application this variation has only just come to light. At the time of reviewing the contract, it was also noted that the current terms refer to this being held with a Limited partnership with no General partners identified and this had been the case since 2014. This is in direct conflict with the GMS contract regulations so in discussion with the practice have agreed that all partners are General and that the contract is with a general (not Limited) partnership. The appropriate amendments will be made to bring this contract back in line with regulatory requirements.

8. We have received an application to merge the contracts of Dr Sathanandan, Blenheim Chase Surgery and Drs Zaidi of the Eastwood Group Practice as at 25th March 2020. A full paper is to be presented in Part II of this Committee meeting.
9. We have received a notification from Dr Rena Ramoutar of her intention to resign from the Island Surgery as at 31st December 2019. The remaining partner is to be nominated by her as the ongoing single handed contract holder and this final paperwork is awaited.

NHS England Assurance

10. We continue to work with our colleagues at the NHS England local office to ensure that we follow a consistent approach that addresses the national concerns around access to GP practices throughout core hours and assures them that services are being provided to meet the reasonable needs of patients, without undermining the excellent relationships we have developed with our local providers and our wider strategic aims.
11. We endeavor to develop ever more seamless ways in which our two organisations can work together to manage primary care contracting functionality. We have agreed a streamlined process for the issue of contractual notices and variations and are currently coordinating to develop a step by step guide for practices to follow when there is a change in partners at the practice to ensure that all agencies involved are notified appropriately.

Contracting and Quality Assurance Visits

12. We continue to undertake the visits with the quality team identifying training needs and opportunities for growth and development at each.

Primary Care Network (PCN) Development

13. In October, to support clinical directors in their new emerging role the CCG organised a workshop facilitated by Professor Rebecca Malby from Southbank

University to lead a discussion on, *What is a PCN, what skills will be needed to develop the role of CD's and PCN's and how to ensure wider community engagement from the third sector and patient participation groups.*

14. In December PCN's were invited to nominate two Clinical Directors to participate in discussions with the STP regarding the allocation of PCN Development Funds secured and identified for PCN and CD development.
15. The next step is for all Clinical Directors to attend a STP wide workshop meeting planned for 16th January 2020. The aim of the workshop is to assist CD's to identify what their training needs are and to select a possible provider /s to deliver the training.
16. NHS England and current undertaking a national consultation on PCN Service Specifications for 2020/21 onwards. These are available to view here:-
https://www.engage.england.nhs.uk/survey/primary-care-networks-service-specifications/consultation/confirm_submit .The closing date for feedback is the 15th January 2020. A CCG response is being prepared by the Primary Care Team.

Primary Care Estates

The Valkyrie Surgery

17. From the 6th May, Valkyrie Surgery took on additional clinical rooms and office space within Valkyrie Health Centre. This arrangement is on a bookable basis for a 6 month arrangement only until an agreed lease and Heads of Terms has been signed by the practice and Community Health Partnerships. The Valkyrie Surgery submitted a PID for a licence to occupy the bookable rooms from Monday 13th May and to expire on Friday 8th November. EPUT have full approval to relocate the SALT Team and to begin the staff consultation process.
18. The staff consultation launched on 9th October and will conclude on 6th November. The relocation date is set for 14/15th November.
19. This therefore means the practice will need their licence to occupy extended. CHP have agreed to extend the licence to occupy up to 29th November. A PID has been drafted to reflect the extension to the licence and the associated costs. We continue to work with the GPs and CHP to finalise the occupancy agreement for the additional space.

Riverside Medical Centre

20. An Improvement Grant Expressions of Interest form was taken to the STP Primary Care Estates Forum followed by the STP Strategic Estates Forum where it was approved for the practice to build an extension creating additional clinical space. The practice manager is completing the utilization template to gain an understanding of the space they require depending on which services they intend to deliver. New drawings are being obtained to comply with the Health Building Notes 11-01. The practice will submit the drawing and template to the CCG to discuss and form a PID. The PID must be completed by 2nd December 2019. We are still awaiting the PID. Follow up discussions are being arranged.

Dr Krishnan – Kent Elms Health Centre

21. Dr Krishnan has put in an Expression of Interest requesting funding to support internal refurbishment works of the Practice premises at Kent Elms Health Centre. This has been supported by the STP Primary Care Estates Forum therefore has moved to Stage 1 (PID). Documentation was received by the Estates Team on 8-1-20 and is under review.

Dr Malik – Kent Elms Health Centre

22. Shaheen Malik (Practice Manager) has put in an Expression of Interest requesting funding to support internal refurbishment works of the Practice premises at Kent Elms Health Centre. This was supported at the STP Primary Care Estates Forum therefore has moved to Stage 1 (PID). A new Estates Lead has recently been appointed and will be supporting the Practice to complete the PID

Urgent primary care contracting parachute provider framework

23. Following on from the November update, of the seven applications to join the framework, 6 providers were actually selected as meeting the requirements to be considered a suitable framework provider.
24. These providers are from across Essex and provide us with a new pool of resource for times of urgent need
25. The framework went live at the end of November 2019
26. Working closely with Attain we have developed a suite of template documents to be utilized by the CCGs when undertaking a “call off” arrangement under the Framework to ensure consistency and transparency across the commissioning organisations in awarding emergency contracts for the provision of primary care services.

Recommendation

27. The Committee are asked to note:-

- the contents of this report
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28. The Committee are asked to advise:-

- Of comments to be included in the CCG response to the PCN service specification consultation