

**Primary Care Co-Commissioning Committee**  
**Public Part I**  
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**Agenda item 7**

**Primary Care Contracting update**

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

## 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

### 2. Recommendations

3. The Committee are asked to note:-
  - the contents of this report

### Applications and variations

4. We received a notification from Dr Whittear of The Hollies surgery advising of her intention to resign from the partnership and nominating Dr Omisini to continue to hold the GMS contract as a single hander, effective from the 1st March 2020.
5. Dr Ratnasingham, the new contract holder from the Dr Chaudhury practice, has submitted an application to change the practice name to Central Canvey Primary Care Centre. The other practices that work out of the Centre on Canvey are concerned that this name may confuse patients into thinking this is the only practice there and discussions are being undertaken between the practices to reach an alternative agreement.

### NHS England Assurance

6. 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.

7. 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.
8. The annual eDeclaration process has just been completed with all but two of our practices having submitted the information appropriately. NHS England had been engaging with the two outstanding Canvey practices, both of whom had started completion but not finalized the submission and we are now following this up at the CCG. One practice believes that they had completed so NHSE are looking into this.
9. Alongside the delegation agreement there is a separate document which describes the resource arrangements to support the CCGs in undertaking the Delegated function. As previously advised these arrangements will be affected by the restructure at NHS England and NHS Improvement (NHSE/I) which is due to take effect from April 2020.
10. The CCGs have been in discussion for several months in relation to the changes arrangements at NHSE/I, and the impact on the delegated function. Work is underway to agree a Memorandum of Understanding with NHSE/I
11. A separate document has recently been received from NHSE/I specifically in relation to Financial Responsibility of Fully Delegated CCG's detailing the Financial Responsibility of Fully Delegated CCG's for Estates Projects. A co-ordinated discussion with NHSE/I is needed in relation to all these matters and a request has been made to NHSE/I
12. The current CCG employed Head of Primary Care Contracts will finish in her role from the end of March 2020, and we will transition into the new working arrangements with NHSE/I from that point. Transition arrangements are currently being established, and formal handover will begin week commencing 23rd March.

### **Contracting and Quality Assurance Visits**

13. 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**

14. The STP PCN Development Fund of £878k is being held by Mid Essex.
15. All CCGs have taken the lead on various elements of the fund.
 

Clinical Director Development	Basildon and Brentwood
PCN vision and strategy planning	Mid Essex

Collaborative working          CPR / SoS

Professional services          Thurrock

16. Clinical Directors (CDs) have been involved with development of their personal development programme, being led by Basildon and Brentwood CCG and agreed a menu based approach, that takes in to account the varying degrees of previous leadership training undertaken.
17. Three out of the nine PCNs in SEE have invoiced for their vision and strategy planning sessions. This money will ensure backfill so that all practices can attend as well as facilitated sessions to ensure the required outcomes that will be shared with the CCG.
18. Bids for the Collaborative working have been received and approved. 10 expressions of interest were received from 9 PCNs (out of a total of 28 PCNs in the STP).
19. No requests have been received to date for professional services (such as legal / accountancy advice etc.) but this continues to be an offer to them.
20. NHSE reports a large number of responses to their consultation on the draft PCN specifications and significant changes have been made.
21. New roles have been added to the additional workforce options and all posts will be fully funded. This is likely to have a big impact upon our PCN recruitment intentions.

#### **Update to GP Contract agreement: 2020/21-2023/24**

22. Attached at Appendix 1 is the letter from Ed Waller, Director of Primary Care Strategy and NHS Contracts, which sets out the detail of the update to the GP contract agreed between NHSE/I and the British Medical Association (BMA).
23. Planning is being undertaken collaboratively between the CCG, NHSE/I, the Local Medical Committee (LMC) and the PCN Clinical Directors to support implementation

#### **Recommendation**

24. The Committee are asked to note:-

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