

Subject:	Primary Care Commissioning Report
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Purpose of Paper:	For Information
Summary:	
1 Purpose:	
1.1	The report seeks to provide the joint committee with an overview of the key primary care issues being managed by the NHS England Primary Care team for the Norwich CCG area.
2 Primary Care Team Structure	
2.1	The Primary Care team moved into the new structure arrangements effective w/b 17 th Oct 2016. The team now operates in discipline teams. There are some remaining transitional actions in relation to handover of functions to colleagues in the new discipline teams to be concluded.
2.2	The staff structure will be shared with contractors once the new generic email addresses have been confirmed. Work is on-going in relation to prioritisation and management of workload.
2.3	Team resource issues continue with the team operating at below full complement due to lack of backfill, vacancies, and high levels of sickness
2.4	The team have developed a draft “offer” to STPs/CCGs moving towards full delegation from April 17. Further work is on-going to set out the details of the level of resource assigned to the CCGs on an STP footprint basis.
3 Key Areas of Work – General	
3.1 Occupational Health contract	– Discussions are taking place at regional level as to the most effective way of procuring services in line with the national framework. NHSE will seek the views of LMCs and CCGs as this develops. In the meantime, the likelihood is that current arrangements will continue and providers will be asked to ensure that the services meet the new specification.
 <p>pc-occupational-health-service-spec.pdf</p>	

3.2 Clinical Waste contract – work has commenced to secure services locally in line with Phase 2 of the national framework. Current providers have been informed.

3.3 Interpreting Services – work continues to complete the review of existing services across East and set out options for next steps, taking into account any national guidance.

4 Medical

4.1 GP Forward View

4.1.1 A Project Management Office has been appointed nationally to lead on work associated with the rollout of the GP Forward View; each local office will have a small team of dedicated staff due to start work shortly. This work will include taking forward applications via the GP Resilience Fund.

4.1.2 The GP Resilience Fund Programme is investing £40m over next 4 years. This programme aims to deliver a menu of support that will help practices to become more sustainable and resilient, better placed to tackle the challenges they face now and into the future, and securing continuing high quality care for patients. Practices have been identified including two Norwich practices either through self-referral or other referral.

4.2 AMS Schemes and Patient Allocations

4.2.1 Work to procure services in Essex by 31 March 2017 has commenced due to the fragility of services in the area. No timetable has been set for re-procuring services in Cambridgeshire & Peterborough, Norfolk and Suffolk. Subject to agreement with existing providers, the current contracts will be rolled on. A copy of the current generic contract terms and service specification is attached for information.



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4.3 Primary Care Support England

4.3.1 Significant concerns continue to be raised relating to the services offered by Capita. A time limited “fast track” process for urgent issues has been agreed and contractors have been advised of this. NHS England and Health Education England agreed a process to ensure all current GP and dental trainees were admitted to the performers list by 31st October

4.3.2 Changes to the delivery systems to practices have been confirmed, which are designed to streamline the process to retrieve and deliver patient records to practices. Message to contractors sent from Local office regarding escalation process in November.

4.3.3 The national team has set out an action plan with key dates for resolution of the ongoing concerns and this plan has been shared with the CCGs.

5 Medical Contractual Issues

5.1 As at 7 December 2016, there are no Practices in the Norwich CCG area with a closed list (i.e. not accepting new registrations).

5.2 Work to complete the Beechcroft and Old Palace Medical Practices merger is ongoing; completion date is anticipated to be January 2017.

6 Pharmaceutical Services

6.1 The Pharmaceutical Services Regulations Committee (PSRC) continues to meet monthly to consider pharmacy applications and matters related to the NHS Pharmaceutical Regulations. No Pharmacy breach notices were issued to date.

6.2 New contractual arrangements announced on 20th October. Not an agreed arrangement but imposed. Reduction in income for pharmacies representing 4% reduction in 16/17 and a further 3.4% reduction in 17/18. Pharmacy access scheme introduced to reduce the impact of this reduction for pharmacies that are more than one mile from another pharmacy.

6.3 Pharmacy Quality Scheme announced nationally, 100 quality points available once pharmacy passes through gateway criteria £75 million available nationally in 17/18

7 Dental Services

7.1 OOH dental services tender is active. Additional dental OOH cover has been agreed in Norwich over Christmas and New Year bank holidays and weekends similar to that put in place for 2015 and at Easter.

Recommendation:

To Note.