

For information

Title of Report: Primary Care Commissioning Report – (October 2016/Norwich CCG)

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Purpose:

The report seeks to provide the joint committee with an overview of the key medical issues being managed by the NHS England Primary Care team for the Norwich CCG area.

Part 1: Key Areas of Work – General

- NHS England published its plans for primary care – GP Practice Forward View providing investment in primary care for infrastructure, workforce and care redesign.
- The East team is reviewing the future configuration of the East Primary Care Team to deliver a more efficient way of working and to deliver the required running cost efficiency targets. A new structure will be in place from 17 October 2016 although there will be a transitional phase. The senior contract managers are developing proposals in relation to workload management and prioritisation.

Proposed change to Terms of Reference

There may be instances in the future when, due to the scheduling dates, that it's not possible to bring an application for say a list closure or boundary change to the Joint Commissioning meetings for a decision. There may be other urgent items when a rapid decision is required as well. Is the committee happy for a clause to be inserted into the Terms of Reference to allow virtual meetings to take place outside the normal schedule and the decision reported back at the next meeting?

An exemplar clause from another JCC terms of reference is set out below but happy to adapt for each CCG.

“Private meetings of the Committee may be conducted on a ‘virtual’ basis through the use of e-mail communication if necessary. In such circumstances, minutes from the virtual meeting will be presented to the next available meeting of the Committee in public.”

1.1 Medical

GP Forward View

More recent announcements from the GP Forward View. NHS England has set out the latest measures it is implementing to help general practice cope with increasing demand – boosting GP numbers and tackling burnout as part of the General Practice Forward View.

A nationwide £19.5m NHS GP health service will be introduced in January 2017. It is aimed at improving access to mental health support for general practitioners and trainee GPs. The induction and refresher scheme will be revamped to speed up the time it takes for GPs to return to practice in England

Key Issues	Mitigations/Actions
<p>Vulnerable Practices A letter has been sent to all NHS England local offices setting out the proposal to identify and support vulnerable practices. There is an allocation for the East region which will be utilised to support practices that meet a range of criteria.</p>	<p>NHS England has sourced suppliers to undertake the diagnostics work, agree an action plan and support needed with the practice. One practice is working with PCC to undertake diagnostics to help formulate an action plan.</p>
<p>GP Resilience Fund</p>	<p>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 and may also self-refer onto the Programme by 13 October although there will be opportunities in future years of the programme.</p> <p>Two Norwich practices were placed on the scheme either through self-referral or other referral.</p>
<p>CQC Latest list for CCG to be included here</p> <p>None to report</p>	

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AMS schemes & Patient allocations	A work plan has been established to ensure a consistent approach is being taken to address commissioning and monitoring of services such as these. A project team has been set up to develop commissioning plans across the system. A draft service specification was shared with providers at a market event in mid August 2016. This project is on hold pending identification of resources within the primary care team to take forward.
Practice specific issues	
Procurements	The Rouen House procurement of GP registered list and walk-in centre services in Norwich is active. A short contract extension has been agreed with the existing provider to enable the process to be completed.
Primary Care Services England (transfer from Serco to Capita)	NHS England (East) has met with representatives from PCSE and NHS England Contracts team to discuss the issues and concerns raised by primary care providers during transition to PCSE. This continues to be monitored closely and ongoing concerns escalated to the national team where appropriate.

1.11 General Practice Quality Issues

Medical Contractual Issues

There are increased number of requests from practices to close their lists, impacting on patient choice and additional pressure on other practices in the area.

As at 17 October 2016, there are no Practices in the Norwich CCG area with a closed list (i.e. not accepting new registrations).

Contract	Practice Name	STATUS <i>Open List; Closed List; MERGED; CLOSED</i>	Date list closed	Date list to be opened	CCG

No breach or remedial notices have been issued to Norwich CCG Practices during this financial year.

Mergers – none to report

Contractual Boundary changes – none to report

1.2 Pharmaceutical Services

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.

1.3 Dental Services - OOH dental services tender is active.