

Primary Care Commissioning Committee

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Title of Paper:	National Agreement Framework for Clinical Waste Services for GPs					
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Executive Summary

Summary	NHS England has launched a new national framework agreement for the collection and disposal of clinical waste from GP practices and unwanted medicines from pharmacies. The new framework is designed to deliver a number of benefits including improved quality standards, consistency, better management of contracts and value for money.					
Risk	High		Medium		Low	X
	Risk		Mitigating actions			
	General Practice are not aware of the proposed changes		A communication will be sent to all Practices advising of Bury CCG's involvement in the Framework in September 2016			
	The Framework for the North does not include PHS which is the main supplier (in addition to NHS Prop Services) which will mean a total change to Clinical Waste services in Bury CCG		Following a procurement process undertaken by NHSE, four suppliers have been shortlisted for the North after successfully meeting a range of quality and value for money criteria to deliver the best clinical waste services for GPs. PHS were not shortlisted for the North whereas the shortlisted 4 suppliers were able to evidence their suitability.			
Recommendations	<p>PCCC is asked to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Note the contents of this paper ▪ Await confirmation of financial, quality benefits 					

Strategic themes

Deliver improvement in outcomes for patients	
Deliver service improvement through system redesign in priority areas	
Develop NHS Bury CCG and Primary Care capability as commissioners and leaders	
Deliver through the Health and Wellbeing Board improved population health and reduction in inequalities	
Deliver the CCG element of QUIPP through effective system management and working with partners and stakeholders and ensuring a culture with focus on quality, fostering innovation, improving health outcomes and reducing inequalities.	
Equality Impact Assessed?	Supports NHS Bury CCG Governance arrangements

National Agreement Framework for Clinical Waste Services for GPs

Background

NHS England has launched a new national framework agreement for the collection and disposal of clinical waste from GP practices and has been designed to deliver a number of benefits including improved quality standards, consistency, better management of contracts and value for money.

Following a procurement process, four suppliers have been shortlisted for the North after successfully meeting a range of quality and value for money criteria to deliver the best clinical waste services for GPs:

Region	Suppliers
North	Cannon Hygiene UK; Healthcare Environmental Services; Sharpsmart UK; SRCL Limited

The framework is available from April 2016 but implementation will be phased over the next 18 months. Call-offs will start as and when contracts are due to expire and dependant on Bury CCG's readiness to mobilise. A key priority will be ensuring a smooth transition for GPs and any patients as and when new contracts come into place.

The Framework Agreement has been developed by representatives from NHS England including local teams as well as the BMA's General Practitioners Committee (GPC), The Pharmaceutical Services Negotiating Committee (PSNC) and external technical clinical waste specialists.

Current position

A full breakdown of waste collection, types & costs has been submitted to NHS England's Greater Manchester Health & Social Care Partnership, detailing that clinical waste across Bury CCG is currently provided by 2 main suppliers:

- PHS Group
- NHS Property Services

Next Steps

A communication is to be sent to General Practice in September 2016 to advise of the proposed change.

Bury CCG Finance will now work with NHSE GM H&SC Partnership to develop our local specification. NHS England will facilitate the mini-competition on our behalf through their Bravo e-tendering portal, this competition will involve all of the framework suppliers in the North and will be predominantly price focused. Bury CCG Finance Team will be involved with the evaluation process to ensure the right outcomes for our Practices.

Once the mini-competition phase is complete, the call-off contract is awarded to the supplier on the framework who has bid for the work and offered the best value option that meets our requirements.

A four week mobilisation will then start in advance of the contract start date. Each new supplier will visit each site and ensure containers are in place and that GPs and pharmacies are aware of collection dates and any other issues.

NHSE GM H&SC Partnership will support the CCG with the implementation of the new call-off. This support will help local teams resolve any early issues to ensure services continue seamlessly under the new framework.

NHSE GM H&SC Partnership will support the CCG with contract monitoring and Suppliers will be required to provide management information back to the CCG on each call off order and at a framework level. This will help ensure that lessons are learned and best practice can be shared across locally.

Bury CCG Finance will work up the financial assumptions based on a change of provider which will be presented to the Committee for review next month.

Primary Care Commissioning Committee is asked to:

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- Await confirmation of financial, quality benefits

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