

Primary Care Commissioning Committee

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Executive Summary

Summary	The attached report is a summary of the GP Federation Contract meeting held on the 20 December 2016.					
Risk	High		Medium		Low	
Recommendations	<p>The Primary Care Commissioning Committee is asked to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Note the highlight report. 					

Strategic themes

To deliver improved outcomes and reduce health inequalities for patients through better preventative strategies	
To deliver service re-design in priority areas through innovation	
To develop primary care to become excellent and high performing commissioners	
To develop the CCG leadership to work with the Local Authority to be excellent integrated commissioners	
To develop robust and effective working relationships with all stakeholders and partners to drive integrated commissioning	
To deliver long term financial sustainability through effective commissioning and innovative investment across the wider system	
To develop and influence the provider landscape through development of a Locality Care Organisation (LCO)	
Equality Analysis Assessed?	Supports NHS Bury CCG Governance arrangements

GP Federation Contract Meeting Highlight Report

1. Federation Management Arrangements

- Interim arrangements; Jo Panter and Paul Massey will be providing cover one day per week (Jo Panter for a 6 month period, Paul Massey for a 3 month period). It is envisaged the Operations Manager will commence in post in January 2017. Fiona Meadowcroft will be working as a consultant on LCO for 2 days a week for a three month period.

2. Extended Working Hours Non-Medical Role Functions

- It was confirmed that diagnostics will be part of the remodelling of provision in the next phase. This is part of a wider review on the collection and delivery from General Practices. It is hoped that there will be further clarification for the next meeting. Kiran Patel and Rachele Schofield are progressing this piece of work.

3. Extended Working Hours and Vulnerable Patient Service

- Reference was made to the workforce risks as discussed at previous meetings. There are 20/30 staff all of which have zero contracts, TUPE does not apply. Redundancy payments are being calculated which amount to approximately £5,000.
- The closing date for expressions of interest to deliver the new service to member practices is Friday 23.12.16. If there are no further expressions of interest received the service will be delivered over three sites as proposed. The VPS will commence in line with EWH services in March 2017.
- Current performance was discussed. There has been an increase in the number of patients being directed from WICs due to lack of GP capacity in certain areas. The data is to be requested around the number of patients being directed to the EWH, and from where as this will help with mobilising the new service.

4. Pharmacists in Primary Care

- Further recruitment has taken place this week. Discussion has taken place with some of the Pharmacists regarding increasing hours to avoid a further round of appointments.
- Fiona Meadowcroft referred to a governance issue with regard to non scheme pharmacists authorising prescribing when they are not prescribers and referred to CQC guidance around this. Jeanette Tilstone confirmed that this is one established practice within Bury provided practices have a repeat prescribing policy that reflects the required governance arrangements, including the stipulation that only personnel registered with a regulatory body and working within their professional competence (e.g. pharmacists, pharmacy technicians, nurses) may make changes to repeat therapy.
- Dr Hussain from Walmersley Road Surgery has volunteered to be a mentor in the East and is now being approached directly by the GP Federation.

5. Bealeys GP Cover – Access to Specialist Advice

- The Bealeys contract performance will be discussed at the next meeting, and the invite extended to Rock Healthcare colleagues.
- Rock Healthcare has been asked to note when Pennine Acute support would make an impact, this information has been requested for the next meeting. There have been a couple of instances where patients have been admitted when they didn't need to be as support was not available. Details of these instances to be forwarded to the CCG.

- The pharmacy service at Pennine Care service is going out to tender in order to change the model. Pennine Care are looking to redesign the service using the Model at Oldham Urgent Care Centre, there is no anticipated financial impact. It is the intention for the new arrangement to commence in April 2017.
- 6. CCG Commissioning Principles for the future of Primary Care in Bury – Current Position**
- The final principles are included in the Primary Care Health and Well Being Strategy which was agreed at PCC in December 2016.
- 7. Primary Care at Scale – Out of Hospital**
- The write up from the event is in the process of being pulled together, this will be circulated when completed. Initial feedback is that the event went well.
 - Reference was made to the next steps and seed funding in terms of the process for prioritising workstreams. This is with the GM Finance team and partners will be advised as soon as confirmation is received from GM.
- 8. Future frequency of meetings to be discussed in January.**

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