

Primary Care Commissioning Committee update for Health and Wellbeing Board

The role of the Committee is to carry out CCG commissioning functions transparently where a potential provider of services is a Member practice. These functions were delegated to the CCG by NHS England from 1st April 2017 and cover:

- Locally Commissioned services (formerly “Local Enhanced Services”);
- Community based services where local practices are a potential provider of services
- Decisions in relation to the commissioning, procurement and management of Primary Medical Services Contracts, including but not limited to the following activities:
 - decisions in relation to Enhanced Services;
 - decisions in relation to Local Incentive Schemes (including the design of such schemes);
 - decisions in relation to the establishment of new GP practices (including branch surgeries) and closure of GP practices;
 - decisions about ‘discretionary’ payments;
 - decisions about commissioning urgent care (including home visits as required) for out of area registered patients;
- The approval of practice mergers;
- Planning primary medical care services in the Area, including carrying out needs assessments;
- Undertaking reviews of primary medical care services in the Area;
- Decisions in relation to the management of poorly performing GP practices and including, without limitation, decisions and liaison with the CQC where the CQC has reported non-compliance with standards (but excluding any decisions in relation to the performers list);
- Management of the Delegated Funds in the Area;
- Premises Costs Directions Functions;
- Co-ordinating a common approach to the commissioning of primary care services with other commissioners in the Area where appropriate; and
- Such other ancillary activities that are necessary in order to exercise the Delegated Functions.

The committee meets in public for discussions on general practice and subsequent decisions in order to ensure transparency.

Since Medway CCG took on delegated commission, the Committee has discussed, agreed or received assurance on a range of issues. To demonstrate the key areas of decisions, the follow points were discussed and / or decided upon at the Primary Care Commissioning Committee:

- The committee approved the following contract variations: Malling Health branch closure, merger of Lordswood Health Centre and Reach Healthcare, extension of the APMS Sunlight Contract, closure of Green Suite in Rainham Healthy Living Centre, closed list of patients at Glebe Family Practice, practice boundary area change of The Parks Medical Practice.
- The Risk Register is updated and provided to the Committee for assurance. The Primary Care Operation Group manage the risks on behalf of the Primary Care Commissioning Committee.
- A work plan has been created and approved which highlights the work streams and associated actions within the Primary Care Action Plan. A headline report that summarises progress plus issues and potential risks is provided to the Committee. The Primary Care Operation Group is responsible for the delivery of the action plan.
- As part of the Primary Care Action Plan:
 - Dr Steve Laitner and Dr Michael Smith attended the June PLT to discuss the National Association of Primary Care, including the Primary Care Home. This was followed up again at the Local Care Team meetings in which all six localities have expressed their interests and Medway CCG will be applying formally today to join the Primary Care Home. The Primary Care Home has been adopted by Medway CCG to support practices in development. The CCG have identified 9 clinical leads that are driving the project forward and project managers have been aligned to each hub. The committee approved the expenditure from the Primary Care Transformation budget for the Primary Care Home Model.
 - Project Managers have been assigned to work with the Minor Illness Clinic which has agreed a provisional start date with clinical representatives from all four Rochester practices. The clinic will utilise the clinical system EMIS. Minor Illness Clinics went live on 7th September and 27 patients in the Rochester locality.
- The CCG went through the first round of Estates and Technology Transformation Fund Bid (ETTF), however the timescales are causing problems with the delivery of Clover Street and other options are being sought.
- From 1st July 2017, Medway CCG took responsibility for leading on Serious Incidents within Primary Care. NHS England worked closely with the CCG's team to ensure a seamless handover.