

HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD

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UPDATE ON MEDWAY CLINICAL COMMISSIONING GROUP PRIMARY CARE COMMISSIONING COMMITTEE

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Summary

This report provides the Board with an update on the work of the Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) Primary Care Commissioning Committee.

1. Budget and Policy Framework

- 1.1 Following the Council being invited to appoint a Member of the Board to attend the NHS Medway CCG Primary Care Commissioning Committee in an advisory capacity, it was agreed at the Board Meeting held in November 2016 that the Director of Children and Adults would be appointed to attend meetings of the Committee.
- 1.2 It was also agreed that the Board would be provided with an annual update on the work of the Board.

2. Background

- 2.1 NHS England gave CCGs the opportunity to assume greater power and influence over the commissioning of primary medical care from April 2015. Primary care co-commissioning is one of a series of changes set out in the NHS Five Year Forward View. Each CCG was able to choose between the following three models of co-commissioning:
 - Delegated commissioning arrangements where the CCG takes full responsibility for commissioning GP services, including budgets, contractual performance management and complaints.
 - Joint commissioning where a CCG or group of CCGs form a committee with their NHS England team to make joint decisions about GP services.
 - Greater involvement in primary care commissioning but with no decision-making functions.

- 2.2 NHS Medway CCG took on co-commissioning with delegated commissioning arrangements from 1 April 2017. A Primary Care Commissioning Committee was established to execute these commissioning functions. The Committee is supported by an operational group which delivers the action plan agreed by the Committee and manages the risks associated with primary care commissioning.
- 2.3 As a representative of the Medway Health and Wellbeing Board, the Director of Children and Adults Services attends the NHS Medway CCG Primary Care Commissioning Committee on a non-voting basis.
- 2.4 The Board also requested that an annual report be provided to the Board on the activities and decisions of the Primary Care Commissioning Committee to ensure that appropriate lines of accountability between the Committee and the HWB representative were in place. This report is shown in the Appendix.
- 2.5 The Appendix provides an overview of the ranges of functions that have been delegated to the committee and decisions that have been made.

3. Risk management

| Risk | Description | Action to avoid or mitigate risk |
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| Conflicts of interest arising for the HWB representative attending the CCG Primary Care Commissioning (PCC) Committee | Conflicts of interest may arise between the role of the HWB representative attending PCC Committee meetings and their role as an elected Councillor or paid officer of the Council. For example where the Council may disagree with proposed changes to primary care provision. | The HWB representative who attends PCC Committee will be non-voting and will ensure they identify and declare any conflicts of interest arising and take appropriate action in each case. |

4. Financial and legal implications

- 4.1 There are no financial implications arising from this report.
- 4.2 Section 13Z of the National Health Service Act 2006 provides that NHS England's functions may be exercised jointly with a CCG and also provides that arrangements made under that section may be on such terms and conditions as may be agreed between NHS England and the CCG. NHS England South East and NHS Medway CCG have formally entered into co-commissioning arrangements. The NHS Medway CCG has established a Commissioning Committee for those aspects of primary care.
- 4.3 Participation by a representative of the HWB, at meetings of the CCG Primary Care Commissioning Committee does not extend to committing the Council to any course of action unless this falls within the terms of reference of the HWB and has been authorised by the Board in advance. As the representative of

the HWB is an officer of the Council they are only able to make commitments on behalf of the local authority insofar as these fall within the terms of reference of the Board and any delegated authority they have from the Council and from the Leader/Cabinet.

5. Recommendations

5.1 It is requested that the Board notes and comments on the update provided.

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Appendices

Appendix 1 - Primary Care Commissioning Committee update for Health and Wellbeing Board

Background papers

[Next steps towards primary care co-commissioning](#) – published by NHS England in November 2014