

Appendix 1

Primary Care Commissioning Committee update for Health and Wellbeing Board February 2020

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 over the last year, the follow points were discussed and / or decided upon at the Primary Care Commissioning Committee:

- The Committee took decisions on rent reviews for the following practices:
 - Highparks Medical Practice, Wainscott Site
 - Highparks Medical Practice, Cliffe Site
 - Riverside Medical Practice, Halling Site.
 - Hoo St Werburgh.
- Additional investment was agreed for:
 - The development of a GP led Care Homes service
 - A homeless service
 - A befriending service
 - Primary Care Networks
 - GP Online Consultations.
- The Committee approved a Section 106 Policy.
- The Committee approved the alignment of the Primary Care Networks.
- The Committee approved a new provider for the Special Allocations Scheme and an appeals policy.
- The Committee approved moving the registration of patients to a neighbouring surgery from a practice who handed back their contract.
- The Committee approved procurement of a translation service for GP practices at Kent and Medway level.
- The Committee agreed to merger of Borstal Village Surgery and City Way Surgery.
- As of the 20th January 2020, there were 44 GP Practices within Medway CCG area. Of those, 38 currently have a CQC rating and six do not have a rating due to either merging with another practice, or new providers/registered managers taking over the practice. Of those 38 with a current rating, 31 (82%) are currently rated overall 'Good', four (13%) 'Requires Improvement', two (5%) 'Inadequate'. Medway CCG is supporting the practices with ratings below 'Good' and those that do not currently have a rating to develop and implement improvements to any areas of concerns identified.