

Primary Care Commissioning Committee

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Agenda item	7	Paper No	PCCC19/060

Primary Care Operational Report

Key issues	<p>West Hampshire CCG received approval by NHS England for delegated primary care commissioning arrangements from 1 April 2015.</p> <p>The attached report requires the Committee to note:</p> <p>CCG Wide</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The national General Practice Access Review • The update on national flu planning 2019-20 • The planned work to increase the uptake of immunisations and screening programmes • The GP Premises Policy review and data collection • The Primary Care Premises Minor Improvement Grants 2019-20 • The Primary Care Resilience Scheme 2019-20
Strategic objectives / perspectives	<p>This paper addresses the following CCG strategic objectives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensure system financial sustainability • Ensure safe and sustainable high quality services • Work in partnership to commission health and social care collaboratively • Establish local delivery systems • Develop the CCG workforce
Actions requested / recommendation	The Primary Care Commissioning Committee is asked to note the updates in the Primary Care Operational Report
Principal risk(s) relating to this paper	The risks in relation to this paper are contained within the report.
Other committees / groups where evidence supporting this paper has been considered	Primary Care Steering Group Locality meetings

Financial and resource implications / impact	The financial impacts are included in the paper
Legal implications / impact	There are no legal implications arising from this paper.
Data protection impact assessment required?	Not required
Public / stakeholder involvement – activity taken or planned	Not required
Equality and diversity – implications / impact	All WHCCG residents will continue to be able to access local general medical services provision.
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Contractual Issues

1.CCG Wide

1.1 National Review of Access to General Practice

The national Review of Access to General Practice Services in England announced in 'Investment and Evolution – A Five Year Framework for General Practice Reform' (Jan 2019) is currently taking place. The review will look at ways to enable the development and implementation of a coherent access offer to patients accessing general practice appointments.

The initial focus will be on in-hours and extended access with a view to understanding capacity, demand and improving productivity. Data gathering has commenced to inform the review. National data sets and practice visits are being used for in-hours access. CCGs have been requested to submit data on extended access services by 29 August 2019.

Action: The Primary Care Commissioning Committee is asked to note the National Review of Access to General Practice.

1.2 National Flu Immunisation Programme 2019-20

The national flu immunisation programme aims to provide direct protection to those who are at higher risk of flu associated morbidity and mortality. Groups eligible for flu vaccination are based on the advice of the Joint Committee on Vaccination and Immunisation (JCVI) and include older people, pregnant women, and those with certain underlying medical conditions.

In 2019-20, the following are eligible for flu vaccination:

- all children aged two to ten (but not eleven years or older) on 31 August 2019
- those aged six months to under 65 years in clinical risk groups
- pregnant women
- those aged 65 years and over
- those in long-stay residential care homes
- carers
- close contacts of immunocompromised individuals

The only change to the eligibility criteria is the planned extension of the programme to school year 6 children. This means that all primary school aged children will now be offered the vaccine for the first time in England.

The uptake ambitions for 2019-20 are shown below:

Vaccine Uptake Ambitions 2019-20

Eligible groups	Uptake ambition
Routine programme for those at risk from flu	
Aged 65 years and over	75%, reflecting the World Health Organization (WHO) target for this group.
Aged under 65 'at risk', including pregnant women	At least 55% in all clinical risk groups, and maintaining higher rates where those have already been achieved. Ultimately the aim is to achieve at least a 75% uptake in these groups given their increased risk of morbidity and mortality from flu.
Children's programme	
Preschool children aged 2 and 3 years old	At least 50% with most practices aiming to achieve higher.
Primary school aged children	An average of at least 65% to be attained by every provider across all primary school years.

West Hampshire CCG's Immunisation, Vaccination and Screening Group in conjunction with local practices, has undertaken a review of the 2018-19 local flu immunisation programme. Learning from the review has been incorporated in a tips and hints briefing for increasing uptake rates across all at risk groups which will be circulated to West Hampshire GP Practices in August.

A specific targeted local focus will be on increasing flu immunisation uptake amongst patients with Chronic Respiratory Disease. This is a key component of the South West Hampshire Urgent and Emergency Care Plan and joint work has commenced with the West Hampshire CCG Clinical Lead for Respiratory and Public Health England to inform the development of a local action plan.

West Hampshire CCG has supported the NHS England audit of flu vaccination orders by primary care. Whilst practices have guaranteed delivery dates, one pharmaceutical company (Sanofi UK) have confirmed phased deliveries of vaccines for the under 65's to be scheduled from October to November 2019. West Hampshire CCG is working with NHS England Wessex to support practices to ensure vaccines are available for all at risk groups.

Action: The Primary Care Commissioning Committee is asked to note the Flu planning update for 2019-20.

1.3 Immunisation and Screening Programmes

NHS England Public Health and the Hampshire and Isle of Wight Sustainability and Transformation Partnership (STP) are working together to:

- Increase the uptake of Immunisation and Screening programmes in eligible populations
- Improve access to and impact of prevention at scale initiatives via primary care networks

An outline programme of work is being developed and will be supported through dedicated non-recurrent funds. A decision on the amount of funds to be allocated in 2019-20 to support this work programme is awaited.

Action: The Primary Care Commissioning Committee is asked to note the planned work to increase the uptake of immunisation and screening programmes.

1.4 GP Premises Policy Review and Data Collection

1.4.1 GP Premises Policy Review

The GP Premises Policy Review was published in June 2019 following engagement with key stakeholders to understand the issues currently impacting general practice premises and to explore

potential solutions. The areas considered by the review were:

- De-risking leases in strategically important estate
- Central estate ownership and state backed loans
- Property ownership as part of the partnership model
- Professionalism of property ownership and management
- New models and the premise cost directions
- Developing greater support for community and primary medical care in local estate planning and in developing strong and future facing Integrated Community Services (ICS) capital funding

The outcome is a series of policy responses to the issues which were explored, which are set out in this report. The report can be found via:

<https://www.england.nhs.uk/publication/general-practice-premises-policy-review/>

The outcomes of the review will now be taken forward to implementation stage. The outcomes will help ensure that future investment is made in a more coherent and strategic way into a professionally managed estate.

However, it is recognised that capital is required both to bring up the standard of current estate and to transform primary care estates across England, to deliver what is required for the clinical and service vision of the Long Term Plan in purpose-built premises.

The work that follows this Review will therefore create an implementation framework, informed by the government's future spending review timetable and outcome, to start the delivery of that transformation.

1.4.2 GP Premises data collection exercise

The NHS needs to demonstrate that current and future investment in GP premises aligns with long and short term strategic aspirations through data driven reasoning. Provider Trust estate data is collected annually and there is currently a gap in Primary Care data which is inhibiting planning. NHS England is planning a national programme of reporting for the 7,000 GP premises across England. The data collected will support STP Estate Strategies and any potential business case applications for funding. Data collection will include: Tenure, building information, estate condition, occupancy costs and GP service contracts.

Data collection will begin in August and the programme will run for up to 12 months.

Action: The Primary Care Commissioning Committee is asked to note the publication of the Premises Review and the GP Premises data collection exercise.

1.5 General Practice Minor Improvement Grants 2019-20

NHS England advised CCGs on 26 July 2019 that funding is potentially available for General Practice Premises Minor Improvement Grants in 2019-20. Practices have been requested to complete and return applications to West Hampshire CCG by 21 August 2019 for review and submission to NHS England by 2 September 2019. All bids received by NHS England will be reviewed and prioritised against agreed criteria in order to allocate the available funding.

Action: The Primary Care Commissioning Committee is asked to note the process for Minor Improvement Grants in 2019-20.

1.6 General Practice Resilience Funding 2019-20

NHS England has allocated funding to each STP/ICS area to continue delivery of the General Practice Resilience Fund. The purpose of the fund is to deliver support that will help practices to become more sustainable and resilient, better placed to tackle the challenges they face now and into the future, and secure continuing high quality care for patients. The total funding available across Hampshire and the Isle of Wight (HIOW) in 2019-20 is £362,000

Any practice in HIOW is eligible to apply for funding where there is an identified support issue. Groups of practices can also apply where there is an identified need in a locality or place. All applicants must complete an expression of interest form which should be submitted to the CCG primary care team in the first instance by 23 August 2019.

In line with national guidance, practices who meet one or more of the following criteria will be prioritised:

- Practices who are planning to, or who are already going through mergers or significant change
- Practices where there are local concerns around future sustainability/resilience (as identified by the practice themselves and/or their respective CCG, Wessex Local Medical Committee (LMC) or NHS England)
- Practices where the Care Quality Commission (CQC) rating is inadequate or requires improvement
- Practices who are mid-way through delivery of a previous support plan and which risk negative impact if support is stopped
- Practices who have been previously approached to access support but didn't take up the offer

Applications will be prioritised by the relevant CCG in the first instance and then by the Hampshire and IOW Primary Care Programme Board (which includes CCG primary care leadership and LMC representation). The Programme Board will confirm individual practice allocations.

Practices will be required to sign a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between themselves and their CCG to confirm funding arrangements, and any associated reporting. Funding can be used for;

- Diagnostic Services to identify areas for improvement support
- Specialist advice and guidance
- Coaching, supervision, mentorship
- Practice Management capacity support
- Rapid Intervention and management support for practices at risk of closure
- Co-ordinated support to help practices struggling with workforce issues
- Change management and improvement support to individual practices or group of practices

Practices that have not recently undertaken a diagnostic (self-assessment or facilitated) are expected to undertake this as a condition of receiving funding. Every participating practice will be required to produce an action plan that describes the steps to be taken and how the funding will be deployed. Practices will be allocated funding proportionate to their needs and will include consideration of other (non-financial) support where this is most appropriate for that practice. The intention is to confirm funding allocations by 5 September, with funding transferred to practices (subject to completion of signed MOU and action plan) via CCGs in October 2019.

Action: The Primary Care Commissioning Committee is asked to note the process for GP Resilience Funding in 2019-20.