

ICB Primary Care Commissioning Committee

Date of meeting	10 August 2023
Title of paper	Primary Care Capital Investment Proposal
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Agenda item	7b
Confidential	No

Executive summary		
<p>The purpose of the report is to seek approval to offer a Primary Care Improvement Grant as recommended by the Lancashire & South Cumbria (L&SC) Capital Working Group.</p> <p>The L&SC Primary Care Capital Working Group has reviewed a grant application from North Shore Surgery and wish to request approval from the committee to issue an Improvement Grant totalling £25,316 to the practice.</p> <p>The approval of this grant will be passed onto the NHS England team to formally authorise the grant agreements with the practice.</p>		
Advise, Assure or Alert		
<p>Alert the committee:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - To the request by the Capital Working Group to approve the award of a grant to North Shore Surgery. <p>Assure the committee:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - That the Capital Working Group has thoroughly reviewed the request to ensure it adheres to the GMS Premises Cost Directions 2013. 		
Recommendations		
<p>The Primary Care Commissioning Committee is requested to approve the following improvement grant:-</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) North Shore Surgery - £25,316 		
Which Strategic Objective/s does the report contribute to		Tick
1	Improve quality, including safety, clinical outcomes, and patient experience	x
2	To equalise opportunities and clinical outcomes across the area	
3	Make working in Lancashire and South Cumbria an attractive and desirable option for existing and potential employees	
4	Meet financial targets and deliver improved productivity	
5	Meet national and locally determined performance standards and targets	
6	To develop and implement ambitious, deliverable strategies	

Implications				
	Yes	No	N/A	Comments
Associated risks			x	<i>Highlight any risks and where they are included in the report</i>
Are associated risks detailed on the ICB Risk Register?			x	
Financial Implications	x			The grant is within the approved primary care capital investment budget.

Where paper has been discussed (list other committees/forums that have discussed this paper)

Meeting	Date	Outcomes
L&SC Capital Working Group (CWG)	19/07/2023	The CWG memberships recommended approval of the Improvement Grant

Conflicts of interest associated with this report

Not Applicable

Impact assessments

	Yes	No	N/A	Comments
Quality impact assessment completed			X	
Equality impact assessment completed			X	
Data privacy impact assessment completed			x	

Report authorised by:

Sam Proffitt Chief Finance Officer

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Primary Care Capital Investment Proposal

1. Introduction

- 1.1 The Lancashire & South Cumbria ICB (L&SC ICB) created with the legislative changes arising from the passing of the *Health and Social Care White Paper* has delegated authority from NHS England in respect of Primary Care Medical and Pharmacy services.
- 1.2 The three year NHS Capital Guidance for 2022-25 and the system allocations were released based upon the new organisational structure and included within the ICS Capital Allocation as a defined and ring fenced allocation for Primary Care, to allow systems to take a more cohesive approach to capital investments across all organisations within a system. It must be noted, however, that the Primary Care capital investment cannot be reduced and invested in other sectors of the system.

2. Capital Allocations 2023-24.

- 2.1 The Lancashire & South Cumbria ICS Capital Allocations included the ring-fenced capital allocations for Primary Care. This provides the ICS with direct and greater control of the allocation, however, the delegation agreements issued by NHS England do not include the responsibility for capital investments, this function and the responsibility for the investments is retained by NHS England. NHS England NW, however, have requested the plans and investments are approved directly by Lancashire & South Cumbria ICB, via the ICB governance structures.
- 2.2 The Primary Care Contracting Group approved the Capital Plans for L&SC 2023/24 as detailed in table 1 below.

Table 1

NHS L&SC ICB	Primary Care Capital Plan £000's
General Practice Information Technology (GPIT) Acquisitions	£2,299
Capital Grants	£814
Total Capital Plan & Annual Allocation	£3,113

3. Capital Investments 2023-24.

- 3.1 The L&SC system has a number of schemes within its pipeline that will be submitted in due course for approval, only when the schemes are acceptable and recommended by the L&SC CWG.

The L&SC CWG will ensure that all applications for Improvement Grants will be thoroughly reviewed and analysed by the members of the Capital Working Group, this is both a peer review and professional review process, with Primary Care representation from each of the Places within the ICB, the ICB central estates team, ICB Finance, NHSPS, NHSE and Delivery Assurance team members.

All Improvement Grant applications are thoroughly reviewed to ensure that applications considered for recommendation are always fully completed, are submitted with all the relevant supporting paperwork such as commercial quotations, project plans, architect plans, planning permissions and landlord permissions (where applicable). Each application will be reviewed in full to ensure compliance with the Premises Cost Directions 2013. All practice grant submission must be supported / sponsored by the ICB.

- 3.2 The L&SC Capital Working Group wishes to propose approval of the following Improvement Grants having fully reviewed each proposal in line with all relevant guidance.

A summary of the application is provided below.

North Shore Surgery – Grant for £25,316

The practice wishes to convert three rooms previously used as a medical records room, clinical stock room and clean utility. The proposal is to create a fully operational clinical consultation room within the clinical stock room to provide space for a new face to face patient consultation room providing much needed additional capacity. The medical records rooms is to be converted into a clinical hub, where 6 clinicians can provide non face to face clinical appointments to patients. The clean utility room is to be developed to ensure additional storage is created to allow for the conversion of the clinical storage room.

The works will be funded with a grant equating to 66% of the total cost of the project, with the practice funding the remaining 34% of the costs. The grant is fully compliant with the Premises Costs Directions 2013 and other guidance.

- 3.3 The grant and the works being undertaken will not increase the occupancy or estate capacity of the practice and as such will not directly increase the revenue costs of the ICB, all the space is currently reimbursed to the practices under the terms of their General Medical Services (GMS) contracts.

- 3.4 The total primary care capital investments is summarised in table 2 below, to provide assurance and confirmation that the application can be awarded and remains within budget.

	Improvement Grants	GPIT	Total
Primary Care Capital Plan:-	£814,000	£2,299,000	£3,113,000
Approved Schemes:			
Thornton Medical Centre	£150,212		£150,212
Sabden & Whalley Medical Centre	£62,737		£62,737
Awaiting Approval:			
North Shore Surgery	£25,316		£25,316
Total submitted	£238,265	£0	£238,265
Balance awaiting submission	£575,735	£2,299,000	£2,874,735

4. Recommendations

- 4.1 The Primary Care Commissioning Committee is recommended to formally approve the grant application.

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