

## Primary Care Commissioning Committee

<b>Date of meeting</b>	08 February 2024
<b>Title of paper</b>	<b>Committee Escalation and Assurance Report</b>
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<b>Agenda item</b>	6a
<b>Confidential</b>	No

### Executive summary

This report highlights key matters, issues, and risks discussed at the below group meetings since the last report to the Committee on 18<sup>th</sup> January 2024 to advise, assure and alert the Primary Care Commissioning Committee.

- Primary Medical Services Group: Peter Tinson (Director of Primary Care)
- Primary Dental Services Group: Amy Lepiorz (Associate Director Primary Care)
- Pharmaceutical Services Group: Amy Lepiorz (Associate Director Primary Care)
- Primary Optometric Services Group: Collette Walsh (Associate Primary Care)
- Primary Care Capital Group: Donna Roberts (Associate Director of Primary Care)

Each summary report also highlights any issues or items referred or escalated to other committees or the Board.

Reports approved by each Group Chair are presented to Committee to provide assurance that the committees have met in accordance with their terms of reference and to advise the Committee of business transacted at their meeting.

### Recommendations

The Primary Care Commissioning Committee is requested to:

- **Receive** and **note** the Alert, Assure, Advise (AAA) reports from the four delegated primary care groups.

<b>Which Strategic Objective/s does the report relate to:</b>		<b>Tick</b>
SO1	Improve quality, including safety, clinical outcomes, and patient experience	<b>X</b>
SO2	To equalise opportunities and clinical outcomes across the area	
SO3	Make working in Lancashire and South Cumbria an attractive and desirable option for existing and potential employees	

SO4	Meet financial targets and deliver improved productivity	
SO5	Meet national and locally determined performance standards and targets	
SO6	To develop and implement ambitious, deliverable strategies	

### Implications

	Yes	No	N/A	Comments
Associated risks				Any risks for the committee's awareness are included in the triple A report.
Are associated risks detailed on the ICB Risk Register?				
Financial Implications				

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

Meeting	Date	Outcomes
Primary Medical Services Group	11/01/2024	To provide oversight to the Primary Care Commissioning Committee of business conducted at the Groups during this period.
Primary Dental Services Group	16/01/2024	
Primary Optometric Services Group	N/A	
Pharmaceutical Services Group	17/01/2024	
Primary Care Capital Group	17/01/2024	

### 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:

Craig Harris, Chief Operating Officer

# Primary Care Commissioning Committee

8 February 2024

## Committee Escalation and Assurance Report

### 1. Introduction

1.1 This report highlights key matters, issues, and risks discussed at the Service Group meetings since the last report to the Committee to advise, assure and alert the Primary Care Commissioning Committee.

Committee: Primary Care Medical Services Group	Date: 11/01/2024	Chair: Peter Tinson
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Key Items Discussed		
Issue	Committee update	Action
<b>Alert</b>		
<b>Nothing to Escalate</b>		
<b>Advise</b>		
<b>SAS RFI (Request for Information)</b>	An update regarding the Special Allocation Scheme was shared with the group. A paper will be presented at a future Primary Care Commissioning Committee with the results of the most recent market engagement (RFI) that has been undertaken to determine interest in providing the service when the current contract ends.  Patient engagement has been undertaken and there has been 46 replies. A report will be collated containing an analysis of responses which will be included in future reports to the Primary Care Commissioning Committee	
<b>Whitnell RFI (Request for Information)</b>	A paper will be presented at the next Primary Care Commissioning Committee meeting detailing the results of a recent market engagement exercise (RFI) which has been conducted for the GP contract for Withnell Health Centre.	
<b>Local Enhanced Services (LES) Delivery Update</b>	A presentation was shared with the group which provided an update in relation to Local Enhanced Services (LES) Delivery. The information within	

	the presentation shared the benefits, monitoring, funding, quality, and activity across Lancashire & South Cumbria. Work is currently ongoing to review LES activity that is currently being commissioned in General Practice and review the schemes in place which have transferred to the ICB from the legacy CCGs.	
<b>General Practice Quality Contract (GPQC) /LES Review &amp; Update</b>	A presentation was given to the group providing an update to the GPQC and LES Review. It was highlighted that contracts had been assessed in detail, prompting discussions about providers, specifications, pricing, and recommendations for the future provision of services. The process involves a thorough review of services ensuring a strategic and value-driven approach to the delivery of services.	
<b>Assure</b>		
	<b>Nothing to Escalate</b>	

**Summary of items or issues referred to other committees or the Board over the reporting period.**

Committee and Date	Item or Issue	Referred to
<b>Primary Care Medical Services Group</b>		

<b>Committee: Pharmaceutical Services Group</b>	<b>Date: 17/01/2024</b>	<b>Chair: Amy Lepiorz</b>
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<b>Key Items Discussed</b>		
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<b>Issue</b>	<b>Committee update</b>	<b>Action</b>
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<b>Alert</b>		
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<b>Nothing To Escalate</b>		
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<b>Advise</b>		
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<b>FQE18 – Core Hours Application - Accrington Late Night</b>	<p>Accrington Late Night Pharmacy have applied to redistribute their hours. They have requested to redistribute the hours across the week with the difference being they wish to decrease their hours on a weekend meaning a four hour decrease on a Saturday and a six hour decrease on a Sunday. If successful, the pharmacy would open at 6am. The application received does not evidence whether maintaining the existing level of service provision is not a realistically achievable outcome, which is one of the regulations that they have applied against. For example, they have not outlined how they would be sustaining a high level of service opening at 6am instead of 7:30am.</p> <p>After considering the request for Accrington Late Night Pharmacy to reduce their core hours, The Pharmaceutical Services Group agreed to not support the application due to the evidence provided showing that patients are currently using the pharmacy during the hours they wish to close. There is also no demonstration of need for the new requested opening hours with their application.</p>	Letter sent to contractor to inform them of the refusal.
<b>FVL17 – Core Hours Application - Peel Street, Accrington</b>	<p>The group were informed that the pharmacy is currently open 58.5 hours per week and they have requested to reduce their opening hours to 53.5 hours per week and change their core hours on weekday afternoons The pharmacy's core hours will remain at 40hours and it was noted there are seven other pharmacies within a mile radius .Peel Street Pharmacy confirmed they will be able to provide and maintain an adequate service with the change of their hours.</p> <p>The Pharmaceutical Services Group approved the application.</p>	Letter sent to contractor to inform them of the approval.
<b>FPE56 – Compliance with Terms of Service - Leyland Late Night</b>	<p>The group was informed that Leyland Late Night Pharmacy has failed to notify the ICB of a change in superintendent pharmacist on two separate occasions.</p>	Breach notices issued to contractor.

	<p>The group were informed that when a pharmacy body corporate appoints a new superintendent pharmacist it must notify the relevant delegated integrated care board via the Primary Care support service provider within 30 days of the person taking up their new post.</p> <p>The Pharmaceutical Services group supported the recommendations to issue a breach notice for each non declared change of superintendent pharmacist.</p> <p>Contractor will be issued the breach notices to which they can appeal.</p>	
<b>Assure</b>		
	<b>Nothing To Escalate</b>	

**Summary of items or issues referred to other committees or the Board over the reporting period.**

Committee and Date	Item or Issue	Referred to
<b>Primary Care Committee</b>		

Committee: Primary Optometric Services Group – No meeting held in January 2024	Date: n/a	Chair: Collette Walsh
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Key Items Discussed		
Issue	Committee update	Action
<b>Alert</b>		
	Nothing To Escalate	
<b>Advise</b>		
	Nothing To Escalate	
<b>Assure</b>		

Summary of items or issues referred to other committees or the Board over the reporting period.

Committee and Date	Item or Issue	Referred to

<b>Committee: Primary Care Dental Services Group</b>	<b>Date: 16/01/2024</b>	<b>Chair: Amy Lepiorz</b>
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<b>Key Items Discussed</b>		
<b>Issue</b>	<b>Committee update</b>	<b>Action</b>
<b>Alert</b>		
	Nothing to escalate	
<b>Advise</b>		
Relocation Request – Dr Ritu Dhariwal	<p>Dr Ritu Dhariwal, an individual who is part of the Smart Dental Group organisation holds a NHS General Service Contract (GDS) for the delivery of NHS Dental Services has requested a relocation from:</p> <p>Dental Health Centre, Flintoff Way, Preston PR1 5AF</p> <p>to</p> <p>Springfield Green, 228 Garstang Road, Fulwood Preston, PR2 9QB. The practice would be located within the Fatima Health Centre.</p> <p>The distance between the 2 premises is 1.8 miles.</p> <p>The Group reviewed and discussed the content of the report and approved the recommendations to support the application. The provider has been informed of the approval.</p>	
Smart Dental Group	<p>Smart Dental Group requested at their last contract meeting to transfer a number of UDAs from LA Southworth contract to New Bank / Whalley Range – in order to support the provider to move into a sustainable position, match activity to capacity in the short term and to help remove the crippling cash flow impacts of the underperformance that could lead to trading problems.</p> <p>The group agreed that it was appropriate to be a supportive of the request and supported the permission to permit the transfer of activity, noting it was beneficial for patients, but also beneficial to the practices. The provider has been informed of the approval.</p>	
<b>Assure</b>		
	Nothing to escalate	

**Summary of items or issues referred to other committees or the Board over the reporting period.**



<b>Committee and Date</b>	<b>Item or Issue</b>	<b>Referred to</b>

<b>Committee: Primary Care Capital Group</b>	<b>Date:</b> 17/01/2024	<b>Chair: Donna Roberts</b>
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<b>Key Items Discussed</b>		
<b>Issue</b>	<b>Committee update</b>	<b>Action</b>
<b>Alert</b>		
<b>Nothing to Escalate</b>		
<b>Advise</b>		
Capital Investment – Improvement Grant	After a thorough review of the grant application and all the supporting documentation the CWG agreed with the practices application and recommended that approval by granted to award a grant of £277,778 to Castle Medical Group. The grant will be used to renovate their branch surgery and increase their clinical capacity by 4 clinical rooms. Scheme was also identified on the investment plans for 2023/24.	Recommend approval by PCCC of the Grant.
Capital Investment – GPIT	After a thorough review of the project initiation documents detailing the capital investment in GPIT. The proposals are within the capital investment plans for the ICB, and fully adhere to the applicable guidance documents. The documents have been fully approved and signed off by the ICB Executive Director of Finance and the NHS England Digital team.	Recommend approval by PCCC of the investment.
<b>Assure</b>		

**Summary of items or issues referred to other committees or the Board over the reporting period.**

<b>Committee and Date</b>	<b>Item or Issue</b>	<b>Referred to</b>
Primary Care Capital Working Group	Improvement Grant & GPIT Investment	Primary Care Commissioning Committee for Approval

## **2. Conclusion**

2.1 Each of the service groups has conducted their business in line with their terms of reference.

## **3. Recommendations**

3.1 The Primary Care Commissioning Committee is requested to:

- Receive and note the Alert, Assure, Advise (AAA) reports from the four delegated primary care groups.

**Amy Lepiorz, Associate Director Primary Care**

**24/01/2024**