

## Primary Care Commissioning Committee

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| <b>Date of meeting</b> | 01 May 2024   |
| <b>Title of paper</b>  | Local Enhanced Services (LES) including General Practice Quality Contract (GPQC) Update |
| <b>Presented by</b>    | Peter Tinson, Director of Primary and Community Commissioning                           |
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| <b>Agenda item</b>     | 7   |
| <b>Confidential</b>    | No  |

### Executive summary

At its previous meeting the Committee agreed the approach to LES and GPQC commissioning for 2024/25 which has now been ratified through Board agreement of commissioning intentions on 10 April 2024.

The committee also agreed that the Primary Medical Services Group (PMSG) would oversee the detailed operational implementation arrangements.

This short paper provides an update on those arrangements including any changes agreed by the PMSG.

### Advise, Assure or Alert

The purpose of the report is to:

**Advise** the group:

- Of the changes agreed by PMSG and the next steps.

### Recommendations

The committee is asked to:

- Receive this update paper for information.

### Which Strategic Objective/s does the report contribute to

Tick

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| 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   | X |
| 5 | Meet national and locally determined performance standards and targets   | X |
| 6 | To develop and implement ambitious, deliverable strategies   |   |

### Implications

|                  | Yes | No | N/A | Comments |
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| Associated risks |     | X  |     |          |

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| Are associated risks detailed on the ICB Risk Register?   |                                       | X         |                 |                 |
| Financial Implications  |                                       | X         |                 |                 |
| <b>Where paper has been discussed</b> (list other committees/forums that have discussed this paper) |                                       |           |                 |                 |
| <b>Meeting</b>  | <b>Date</b>                           |           | <b>Outcomes</b> |                 |
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| <b>Conflicts of interest associated with this report</b>  |                                       |           |                 |                 |
| Not applicable.   |                                       |           |                 |                 |
| <b>Impact assessments</b>   |                                       |           |                 |                 |
|   | <b>Yes</b>                            | <b>No</b> | <b>N/A</b>      | <b>Comments</b> |
| Quality impact assessment completed   |                                       | X         |                 |                 |
| Equality impact assessment completed  |                                       | X         |                 |                 |
| Data privacy impact assessment completed  |                                       | X         |                 |                 |
| <b>Report authorised by:</b>  | Craig Harris, Chief Operating Officer |           |                 |                 |

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### Local Enhanced Services (LES) including General Practice Quality Contract (GPQC) Update

#### 1. Introduction

At its previous meeting the committee agreed the approach to LES and GPQC commissioning for 2024/25 which has now been ratified through Board agreement of commissioning intentions on 10 April 2024.

The committee also agreed that the Primary Medical Services Group (PMSG) would oversee the detailed operational implementation arrangements, including:

- 1) Any changes to the review status of individual services, i.e. based on impact assessments and/or feedback that services currently identified to be ceased are either continued or continued and reviewed
- 2) Any changes to service specifications based on feedback
- 3) Reasonable transitional arrangements from 1 April 2024

#### 2. Changes to review status of individual services

The committee was informed that a clinically led review of all inherited LES and GPQC requirements had been undertaken and that services had been classified as:

- Continue
- Continue subject to review during 2024/25
- Cease and associated funding redirected into the three new service specifications

Following further engagement and consideration of impact assessments, the PMSG agreed to reclassify two services:

- 1) Prostate cancer injections in Morecambe Bay reclassified from cease to continue subject to review
- 2) Diabetic foot screening in Central Lancashire reclassified from cease to continue subject to review

At the time of writing discussions were continuing with Blackburn with Darwen and East Lancashire colleagues regarding potential risks requiring mitigation.

### 3. Any changes to service specifications based on feedback

Three services were agreed for inclusion in the GPQC for 2024/25:

- Frailty
- Structured Medication Reviews (SMRs)
- Respiratory

In response to feedback there have been minor changes to the frailty and SMR specifications and the respiratory specification has been refocused on:

- Preparation to deliver accurate and quality assured Spirometry and FeNO
- Supporting capacity to meet demand for COPD/Asthma

### 4. Transition period

Due to the timescales associated with securing agreement via ICB governance arrangements and relatedly enabling as much time as possible for engagement, there has been little time for practices to plan the delivery of the new GPQC. Accordingly, PMSG agreed a 1 month (April 2024) transition period from the current arrangements to the new arrangements during which practices would not be financially disadvantaged.

### 5. Next steps

The contract documentation, including specifications and monitoring templates were formally issued to practices following Board agreement of the wider commissioning intentions. Contract delivery will be monitored via the PMSG. The existing GPQC working group will continue with oversight of the service reviews, developing the approach for next year, including the proposal for 'levelling up' investment.

Monitoring arrangements include:

- Frailty
  - Individual practice delivery monitored via EMIS GP system
  - Metrics include total patient numbers, completed proactive assessments, number of Multidisciplinary Team (MDT) referrals, number of care plans and patient outcomes
  - Plus an annual practice qualitative population outcomes report
- SMR
  - Individual practice delivery monitored via Eclipse system:
    - Patients with severe frailty and Anticholinergic Burden<sub>6</sub> (ACB) score  $\geq 6$
    - Patients with learning disability
    - Patients with severe frailty and polypharmacy ( $\geq 10$  items)
    - Patients with polypharmacy ( $\geq 10$  items) and on two or more drugs of dependence
  - Plus an annual practice review including:
    - Impact of reviews on multidisciplinary learning and teamworking
    - Changes to practice working

- Significant shared learning interventions
- Respiratory
  - Individual practice monitoring via EMIS and completion of data capture tool identifying additional appointments undertaken (in comparison to agreed practice delivery plan) – aligned to population health core 20 plus 5 targeted patient cohort

## **6. Recommendations**

The committee is asked to:

- Receive this update paper for information.

**Peter Tinson**  
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