

ICB Primary Care Commissioning Committee

Date of meeting	01 May 2024
Title of paper	Primary Care Assurance Framework Annual Submission
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Agenda item	10
Confidential	No

Executive summary				
<p>This paper is to seek agreement on the contents of the primary care assurance framework annual submission which must be submitted by the Integrated Care Board (ICB) no later than the 30 April 2024.</p> <p>NHS England has published an assurance framework which focuses on the ICB delegated responsibility's structure around four main domains: compliance with mandated guidance, service planning and provision, contracting and contractor or provider compliance and performance. The ICB is required to submit a retrospective self-declaration to NHS England.</p>				
Advise, Assure or Alert				
<p>Advise the committee:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - That the relevant groups have contributed to the submission <p>Alert the committee:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - To the need to approve the submission 				
Recommendations				
<p>The Primary Care Commissioning Committee is asked to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Approve the ICB's submission of the assurance framework 				
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			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
Associated risks			X	

Are associated risks detailed on the ICB Risk Register?			X	
Financial Implications			X	
Where paper has been discussed				
Meeting	Date		Outcomes	
Capital and Infrastructure Working Group	20 March 2024		Content supported	
Pharmaceutical Services Group	20 March 2024		Content supported	
Primary Dental Services Group	21 March 2024		Content supported	
Primary Medical Services Group	21 March 2024		Content supported	
Primary Ophthalmic Services Group	March 2024 (virtual review)		Content supported	
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
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ICB Primary Care Commissioning Committee – 18 April 2024

Primary Care Assurance Framework Annual Submission

1. Introduction

- 1.1 This paper is to seek agreement on the contents of the primary care assurance framework annual submission which must be submitted by the Integrated Care Board (ICB) to NHS England no later than the 30 April 2024. NHS England regional team will review the ICB submission to identify trends, inform discussions and to highlight areas of potential regional risk.

2. Background

- 2.1 The ICB has delegated responsibility from NHS England for the commissioning of primary care services. These are:
- Primary Medical Care Services (GP Practices)
 - Primary Dental and Prescribed Dental Services (Dental practices)
 - Primary Ophthalmic Services (Optometry practices)
 - Pharmaceutical Services and Local Pharmaceutical Services (Pharmacies)
- 2.2 The ICB holds a delegation agreement with NHS England which requires the ICB to make primary care commissioning decisions in line with relevant legislation, national policy and agreed processes.
- 2.3 Mersey Internal Audit Agency (MIAA) undertook a review of the ICB's arrangements in late 2023 and provided the ICB with moderate assurance on compliance with the delegation agreement. Work has since taken place to address any gaps in assurance and at the time of writing the report MIAA are undertaking an audit of the completed self-declaration submission.

3. Annual Submission

- 3.1 Appendix one contains a summary of the agreed process and the proposed submission. The completed submission will confirm to the NHS England regional team full and complete compliance and assurance.

4. Recommendations

- 4.1 The Primary Care Commissioning Committee is asked to:
- Approve the ICB's submission of the assurance framework.

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