

**NHS CUMBRIA CLINICAL COMMISSIONING GROUP**  
**MINUTES OF THE ALLERDALE LOCALITY EXECUTIVE**  
 Thursday 26 February 2015 at 09:00 -12:00  
 Ann Burrow Thomas Health Centre, Workington CA14 2EW

Present:	Niall McGreevy Ray Beale-Pratt Mel Bradley Rachael Brown Simon Desert Sue Gallagher Ann-Marie Grady Tim Hooper Steph Mallinson Andrea Mulgrew Caroline Rea Anna Turnbull	Lead GP Workington <b>(Chair)</b> (NMcG) Business & Finance (RBP) Primary Care Development Lead (MB) Sub-locality Lead Cockermouth/Maryport (RB) Lead GP Cockermouth (SD) Lay Rep (SG) Senior Commissioning Manager (AMG) Lead GP Keswick (TH) Sub-locality Lead Workington (SM) GP Maryport (AM) Director of Primary Care (CR) Lead GP Solway (AT)
In Attendance:	Lyn Hardie Sarah Cousins Sue Robb	Locality Administrator (minute taker) (LCH) Director, First Care Cumbria, item 8 only (SC) Lead Nurse CCG Quality & Safety, item 12 only (SR)

AL 12/15    **AGENDA ITEM 1: Chairs Welcome & Apologies** *Action*

Apologies were received from; Anita Barker, Deputy Network Director Allerdale & Copeland and Anna Scamans, sub-locality lead Keswick/Solway.

AL 13 /15    **AGENDA ITEM 2: Declarations of Interest**

Dr Niall McGreevy declared an interest in item 5 as James Street practice is a member of Workington Health Ltd which will benefit financially from aware of contract.

All Lead GPs declared an interest in item 6 as the outcome of the discussion would have financial impact on their practices.

AL 14 /15    **AGENDA ITEM 3: Minutes of January 2015 meeting & Action Log**

**Resolved:** The minutes of the above meeting were agreed as an accurate record. There has been an amendment to the resolution on AL 101/2014 Primary care Foundation Audit; *Although the token payment of a maximum of £100 is to be made before the end of this financial year, it was agreed by Practice Managers at the forum held on 24 Feb 2015 that the audit would*

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*take place over 2 weeks in April.*

**Action Log**

**AL 22/2014 Ophthalmology GPwSI:** Cockermouth; The League of Friends have not met again, but have agreed to discuss the purchase of a slit lamp at the next meeting.

Keswick; Negotiations are happening around making slots available for the clinics.

**ACTION: RB/AS to chase up.**

**RB/AS**

**AL 42/2014 Community Hospital SLA:** Val Buchanan and David Lewis have met and have drafted a new SLA which we are informed will be sent to practices next week, to be agreed by 1<sup>st</sup> April.

**ACTION: AMG will chase this if nothing is received by next week**

**AMG**

**AL 05/15 Sub-locality £5 per head**

**Solway Rehab Team:** AMG has raised the concerns expressed at last meeting regarding impact of Reiver House closure on Solway services. Although the response was that there has always been a flow of Carlisle patients to Wigton it was agreed that the impact on Solway services will be taken into account for the evaluation of the Home from Hospital scheme.

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**AL 15/15 AGENDA ITEM 4: ECG/BP Procurement**

RB presented data evaluating impact of the three months extension to the ECG/BP service in Cockermouth on acute activity and patient / GP experience. It was agreed that the scheme is having a positive impact though some of the gains relate to preventative benefits which are difficult to quantify.

The scheme was discussed in the context of a previous decision to extend the Workington ECG/BP scheme and the various arrangements for ECG/APBM monitoring that exist across the Locality and North Cumbria. The potential procurement implications were also discussed.

In the interest of continuity and patient care it was agreed that a recommendation should be made to the CCG that the scheme be extended for a further year but that during 15/16 a North wide review of ECG/ABPM services be undertaken with a view developing longer term commissioning intentions.

**RESOLVED: Extend the service until March 2016**

**ACTION: Recommendation to CCG for service review.**

**RBP/AMG**

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AL 16/15 **AGENDA ITEM 5: Wound Care Service Procurement**

SM and AMG presented the Recommended Bidder report from North of England Commissioning Support (NECS) which summarised the outcome of the Request for Quote (RFQ) evaluations for the Wound Care and Peripheral Vascular service for the Workington locality.

The meeting agreed with the recommendation of the report to approve Workington Health Limited as the Recommended Bidder who will be awarded the contract for the Workington Wound Care and Peripheral Vascular Service.

It was noted that the minutes of this meeting for this agenda item will be forwarded to North of England Commissioning Support (NECS) for audit purposes.

**RESOLVED: Approved the Recommended Bidder for the Workington Wound Care and Peripheral Vascular service as Workington Health Ltd.**

**ACTION: AMG to forward minutes of meeting to NECS**

**AMG**

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AL 17/15 **AGENDA ITEM 6: Role of GP Leads**

NMcG and AMG outlined the present allocation of GP sessions in Allerdale Locality and the need to review this and respond to the request to make savings on this.

The discussion centered around:

- The Community Lead role which was originally funded from a specific allocation from the CPFT contract, separate to the Locality clinical lead allocation. There was a discussion about value of the role and the overlap with CPFT funded roles relating to community hospitals.
- The need for GP leads to take responsibility for development of Primary Care Communities (PCCs).
- The need for a job description for the Lead GP role.
- The number of sessions currently allocated - too high/appropriate?
- Method of reimbursement. In Allerdale practice receive regular payment. In other Localities payment is made on receipt of invoice detailing meeting attendance/ work completed, etc.
- Should we consider using Clinical leadership budget for engagement with other Practice staff apart from GPs eg. Practice nurses?

**ACTION: options for GP lead role to be presented at March meeting.**

**NMcG/AMG  
/RBP**

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AL 18/15 **AGENDA ITEM 7: MIU Workington**

This item was postponed until the next meeting.

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AL 19/15 **AGENDA ITEM 8: Federations – Sarah Cousins**

SC gave a talk on the Federation which includes 34 practices across Allerdale, Eden and Copeland. Carlisle practices are developing their own Federation and so are the practices in the South Lakes. SC outlined how the Federation is engaging with other providers including CPFT, CHOC and acute Trust as well as commissioners such as CCG and Area Team.

It was noted that there is a need to avoid duplication of projects with the CCG and each need to be aware of the other's work.

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AL 20/15 **AGENDA ITEM 9: Feedback from Clinical Leads meeting**

Items raised at the recent meeting include:

- Temporary management arrangements in Nigel McGuire's absence
- Stakeholder survey
- PC infrastructure fund
- Norovirus outbreak at CIC
- The Kirkup report on maternity services at Barrow report due to be issued on 3<sup>rd</sup> March and the wider Cumbria Maternity Review which is due later in March
- Discussions around ideas for the £10m CIP (cost improvement programme) savings to be made

**ACTION: LCH to circulate the CIP proposals to all Lead GPs**

**LCH**

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AL 21/15 **AGENDA ITEM 10: Productive Primary care Lead Update**

MB presented an update report. Key issues raised were:

- Referral Support/Medicine Management have been asked to re-validate the schemes. A paper was taken to the clinical leads meeting
  - IT for referral support will be rolled out later this year which will provide a standardised system
  - Adherence to the Practice Quality Agreement will now be enforced through a subcommittee of Clinical Leads meeting.
  - Medicine Optimisation Programme which links into Commissioning for Value paper is being developed.
  - Members were divided in opinion on schemes to reward practices for reducing their prescribing spend /referrals as this does not recognise that under prescribing /under referral is not appropriate.
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AL 22/15 **AGENDA ITEM 11: Business & Finance Performance Update**

RBP presented key points from the report:

- Against the county-wide trend A&E referrals down for Workington – possibly due to the Primary care Access Centre.
- Concern that GPs being told to send patients to A&E instead of directly to a ward which means CCG pay for A&E attendance as well as admission. RBP confirmed that CCG will be asking for A&E payment to be refunded.
- Prescribing increase – Practices have been asked to re-count their prescriptions for the period in question.
- The norovirus situation at CIC is starting to improve, but the virus is now present at WCH, Cockermouth and Maryport community hospitals
- A&E performance has deteriorated to a low point of 54% 4 hour waits.
- Pressure on acute and infection control issues have led to number of elective operations being cancelled – almost 500 in January and February.
- 2015/16 contracts are likely to be on a PbR basis instead of assured contract.

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AL 23/15 **AGENDA ITEM 12: Practice Nurses and Care Homes strategy**

Sue Robb gave a presentation on the workforce development of Practice Nurses. The main points were:

- Allerdale has the highest percentage of Practice nurses and the 2<sup>nd</sup> highest percentage of nurse practitioners.
- 60% of practice nurses are aged 46 years or older. To combat this it is recommended that we have a Placement scheme for pre-registration student nurses in Primary Care settings to attract newly qualified nurses to consider a career in Primary Care. (Grow Your Own)
- CLIC compiled a training needs analysis and Sue presented the results
- Cumbria has been awarded funding for practice nurse training which includes a foundation programme.
- There are 2 student nurse placements in South Lakes, operating across 5 GP practices and it is hoped to roll this out in other localities.
- Apprenticeships have started in Morecambe Bay Trust as an alternative route into nursing for people with no school qualifications.

SR then spoke about care homes in Cumbria. It is acknowledged that some are excellent, but others have issues around recruitment/retention and leadership/management. There is development of a Care Home Strategy across Cumbria. AMG stated that this needs to be fed in to the Joint Management teams that CCG attend.

SG asked that the public be involved at the early stages of discussions on organisation of services. She thought it important that they are included at the outset so they don't appear after things get decided and can't be

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changed.

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AL 24/15 **AGENDA ITEM 13: Date and time of next meeting approved:**

09:00 – 12:00 Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March 2015, Ann Burrow Thomas Health Centre, Workington  
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