

NHS North Cumbria CCG Primary Care Commissioning Committee	Agenda Item
09 November 2017	8

Glenridding – APMS Contract

Purpose of the Report								
<p>The report provides an update to the Committee on the actions taken following the extra-ordinary meeting held on 12 October which reviewed the outcome of a market engagement exercise and the resulting options appraisal document.</p>								
Outcome Required:	Approve		Ratify		For Discussion	x	For Information	x
<p>Assurance Framework Reference:</p> <p>1, Better Health – There is a need to ensure that Cumbria’s children and young people (including children looked after) are kept safe and transition into health adulthood.</p> <p>2, Better Care – Commission services that ensure the delivery of high quality and safe care for patients.</p> <p>3, Sustainability – Commission services that ensure the delivery of high quality and safe care for patients in a manner that is sustainable for the whole health economy.</p> <p>4, Leadership – The CCG needs to support its membership (i.e. general Practice) to provide high quality care to patients and support the delivery of safe, high quality financially sustainable health care services. The CCG needs to develop and implement robust governance and a management arrangements to operate in a safe and sound manner, including compliance with formal directions from NHSE.</p>								

Recommendation(s):
<p>The Primary Care Commissioning Committee is asked to: The Committee is asked to note the contents of the report.</p>

Executive Summary:
<p>Key Issues: The current contract for the provision of services at Glenridding Health Centre is due to end on 31 March 2018. At the meeting on 12 October 2017, the Committee agreed to seek approval for a direct award of a contract to the one organisation which had submitted a completed Request For Information (RFI) document. Due to the possible legal challenge to this process, approval needed to be given by NHS England directors.</p>

Key Risks:
The possibility that a potential provider could challenge the process followed, particularly the agreement to make a direct award of the contract based on the market engagement undertaken.

Implications/Actions for Public and Patient Engagement:
Patients and other stakeholders will need to be informed of the decision.

Financial Impact on the CCG:
The proposed contract value was set out in the RFI document submitted.

Strategic Objective(s) supported by this paper:	Please select (X)
Support quality improvement within existing services including General Practice	
Commission a range of health services appropriate to Cumbria's Needs	X
Develop our system leadership role and our effectiveness as a partner	
Improve our organisation and support our staff to excel	

Impact assessment: (Including Health, Equality, Diversity and Human Rights)	n/a
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Conflicts of Interest Describe any possible Conflicts of interest associated with this paper, and how they will be managed	
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BRIEFING NOTE

1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1** The current contract with Cumbria Health On Call for the provision of primary medical care services to patients registered at Glenridding (763 patients as at 01 October 2017; weighted list 812) was entered into as an emergency contract following the resignation of the previous single-handed GP. The contract is due to terminate on 31 March 2018.
- 1.2** The purpose of this paper is to provide an update to the Committee following the extraordinary meeting held on 12 October 2017, at which the options appraisal document was considered.

2. CURRENT SITUATION

- 2.1** At the meeting held on 12 October 2017, the Committee considered three options following the market engagement exercise which had been undertaken. These options were:
- Option 1 – disperse the list
 - Option 2 – proceed to a direct award of the contract
 - Option 3 – proceed to full open market procurement
- 2.2** The Committee agreed to pursue Option 2, proceed to a direct award of the contract on the basis that:
- Only one expression of interest had been received following the production of the Request For Information (RFI) document;
 - There had been an opportunity for any potential bidders to express an interest or to ask for further information;
 - The rural and isolated nature of the practice;
 - The modest list size.
- 2.3** The Committee was aware that in order to proceed to a direct award of the contract, agreement from NHS England Directors would be needed due to the fact that there could be a potential legal challenge to the process.
- 2.4** A request was made by NHS North Cumbria CCG to NHS England on 16 October 2017 for approval to proceed to a direct award of the contract. The request was discussed by NHS England Director Team on 17 October and approval was subsequently given to the CCG.

3. NEXT STEPS

- 3.1** The successful bidders, patients of the practice and other interested stakeholders have not formally been informed of the decision at this stage. Formal notifications will need to be made in due course.
- 3.2** A draft contract is being drawn up by the CCG and NHS England and appropriate financial terms agreed. In order to achieve this, the CCG together with representatives from NHS England, will meet with the successful bidder to proceed with the direct award.
- 3.3** Further information on the agreement of the contract will be presented to a future meeting of the Committee.