

NHS North Cumbria CCG Primary Care Commissioning Committee	Agenda Item
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Home Visiting Pilot

Purpose of the Report							
<p>This report formally confirms to the Primary Care Commissioning Committee the details surrounding a Home Visiting Service proposed for delivery across three practices in Workington. The item had been discussed at the Primary Commissioning Committee meeting on 12th October at which the Chair confirmed he had used his own discretion for the proposal to proceed.</p>							
Outcome Required:	Approve		Ratify	X	For Discussion	X	For Information
Assurance Framework Reference:							
<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.</p> <p>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 note the content of the paper and to formally endorse the Chair’s decision to allow the proposed Workington Home Visiting Service to proceed.</p>

Executive Summary:
<p>Key Issues: The provision of GP services in Workington is currently fragile and the proposed revision to how Home Visiting Services are delivered will support those practices involved in becoming more sustainable.</p> <p>Key Risks: Not applicable.</p> <p>Implications / Actions for Public and Patient Engagement: Not applicable.</p> <p>Financial Impact on the CCG: Not applicable.</p>

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

Impact assessment: (Including Health, Equality, Diversity and Human Rights)	None Applicable
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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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1. Introduction

In September, the CCG was approached by three Workington practices James Street Group Practice, Oxford Street Surgery and Solway Health Services informing it of their intention to pilot a GP Home Visiting Service between 12 September and 15 September across the three practices. The intention was that the on call GP from each practice would triage calls as normal. All urgent / acute visits would then be passed to the “visiting” GP who would visit patients across all three practices, using EMIS to access the full medical records. The visiting GP would also have direct telephone access to the on call GP at each surgery. If the pilot was to be successful then the intention would be to permanently introduce a GP Home Visiting Scheme across the three practices.

It was hoped that the proposal would create efficiencies between the three practices relieving pressure on the practices for the benefit of patients.

Given previous committee discussions on closed lists in Workington and the planned pilot timescale the Committee Chair used his discretion in allowing the proposal to proceed. A paper outlining the proposal was to be presented and approved retrospectively at the next Committee meeting on 9th November.

2. Current Position

NHS England advice confirmed that a formal sub-contracting arrangement between the three practices would not be necessary for a one week pilot to proceed. However, if the pilot is to proceed on a more permanent basis then a formal sub-contracting arrangement should be put in place. This would need to be signed off on NHS England’s behalf by the CCG Primary Care Commissioning Committee.

The outcome of the pilot and practice intentions as regards future delivery of Home Visiting Services across the three Workington practices has yet to be established.

3. Recommendation

The Committee is asked to discuss the content of the paper and to endorse the decision of the Chair in allowing the proposed Health Visiting Service in Workington to proceed.