

NHS North Cumbria CCG Primary Care Commissioning Committee	Agenda Item
15 November 2018	7.3

Notification of change of use of ICC primary care transformation funding

Purpose of the Report							
The purpose of this report is to inform Primary Care Committee of a proposed change to the Cockermouth & Maryport ICC 'primary care transformation' scheme.							
Outcome Required:	Approve		Ratify		For Discussion		For Information
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Assurance Framework Reference: As detailed in the Strategic Objectives below.							

Recommendation(s):
The Committee is asked to note the change in scheme.

Executive Summary:
<p>The ICC Business Case included two recurrent investment allocations for primary care based schemes – 'Frailty' Coordinator funding to develop role of care coordinators linked to practices and 'transformation funding' which has been apportioned to ICC groups of practices to fund development of schemes that support GP involvement in ICCs. The 'transformation' schemes are intended to release capacity within general practice allowing GPs to work with ICC teams to avoid admission, facilitate earlier discharge and manage more patients at home. Primary Care Committee meetings in June and July 2018 considered ICC proposals for use of 'primary care transformation' funding. Approval was received for schemes where funding was going to primary care organisations /practices</p> <p>Cockermouth & Maryport ICC's proposal was to provide additional GP support to the ICC team and hub allowing for better coordination of home visit requests; provision of GP expertise within visit triage process, dedicated GP visiting and teleconsultations.</p> <p>Difficulties in recruitment has led ICC practices, in consultation with ICC partners in CPFT and social care, to reconsider their proposal and the ICC has requested that funding use is changed to support the development of a nurse team to provide acute home visits and support frailty assessment / review / care planning. This reflects recognition that the workload pressure of managing home visits and management of complex, frail elderly patients is an area where nurse support could assist GPs and release GP time. The scheme mirrors schemes in other ICCs already approved by PCC earlier and now operating successfully.</p>

The Primary Care team have assessed the proposal and agreed objectives and activity targets for the scheme. To address potential 'conflict of interest' issues a Memorandum of Understanding is in place setting out the responsibilities of the parties to the agreement including the role of the ICC leadership teams and CCG in monitoring and evaluating provision and performance.

The total annual cost of the proposed scheme is £88,000 and staff will be employed through Castlegate & Derwent and Maryport practices hence requirement for PCC oversight. Costs have been benchmarked and are consistent with expectations of the resources required and Cockerthorpe & Maryport ICC's share of the overall transformation funding allocation. Funding will only be provided once scheme is operational & against evidence of costs incurred.

Key Risks:

This process is intended to mitigate against the risk of the CCG not appropriately managing any potential conflict of interest and ensuring the investments represent value for the public purse should there be inadequate scrutiny.

Implications/Actions for Public and Patient Engagement:

There are no direct issues

Financial Impact on the CCG:

This is covered in the paper.

Strategic Objective(s) supported by this paper:	Please select (X)
Support continuous quality improvement within existing services including General Practice	X
Commission a range of health services, including an increasing range of integrated services, appropriate to our population's needs	X
Develop our system leadership role (in the context of an integrated health and care system) and our effectiveness as a partner	x
Continuously improve our organisation and support our staff to excel	

Impact assessment: (Including Health, Equality, Diversity and Human Rights)	None noted
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Conflicts of Interest Describe any possible Conflicts of interest associated with this paper, and how they will be managed	This is considered above.
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