

**NHS NORTH CUMBRIA CLINICAL COMMISSIONING GROUP
MINUTES OF PRIMARY CARE COMMISSIONING COMMITTEE**
Friday, 1 March 12:30 hours
Rosehill, Carlisle / Conference Call

Present

(Voting Members):

Jon Rush

CCG Governing Body Chair (**Chair**) (JR)

Denise Leslie

Lay Member, Public & Patient Engagement (DL)

Caroline Rea

Dir of Primary Care & ICC Development (CR)

In Attendance

(Non-Voting):

Jen Park

Primary Care & ICC Senior Administrator (JP)

Colin Patterson

Clinical Lead Primary Care & ICC Devt CCG (CP)

Kay Wilson

Primary Care Business Manager NHSE (KW)

PCCC 16/19. **AGENDA ITEM 01: Welcome & Apologies**

JR welcomed the Committee. Apologies were received from: Carole Green - Lay Member Quality & Performance, Charles Welbourn - Chief Finance Officer CCG, Niall McGreevy - ICC GP Lead, Helen Horne – Healthwatch, Sue Gallagher - Patient Participation Group Rep, Andrew Gosling - Primary Care Commissioner CCG, David Rogers - CCG Accountable Officer, Alan Edwards – ICC GP Leads, Pat Bell - Cumbria County Council and Peter Higgins - Local Medical Committee.

PCCC 17/19. **AGENDA ITEM 02: Declarations of Interest**

JR reminded Committee members of their obligation to declare any interest they may have on any issues arising at Committee meetings which might conflict with the business of NHS North Cumbria Clinical Commissioning Group.

Declarations declared by member of the Primary Care Commissioning Committee are listed in the CCG's Register of Interests. The register is available either via the secretary to the Governing Body or the CCG website at the following link:

<http://www.northcumbriaccg.nhs.uk/about-us/how-we-make-decisions/declaration-of-interests/declarations-of-interest-register---2016-17-final-version.pdf>

Declarations of interest from today's meeting

CP declared an interest in agenda item 3, Eden Medical Group – List Closure extension as he is a partner in neighboring practice.

There were no declarations of interests received.

PCCC 18/19. **AGENDA ITEM 03: Eden Medical Group – List Closure Extension**

KW gave a background to the application advising that Eden Medical Group has asked to extend their current list closure for a period of six months.

The practice applied in September 2018 for a list closure of between 6 to 12 months. This application was considered by the committee in October 2018 and a temporary list closure of 6 months was approved. The current list closure is due to end on 10 April 2019.

The practice has given the following reasons for submitting the application:

- On-going recruitment problems resulting in continued demand and strain within the practice;
- The practice is also working with North Cumbria Primary Care Alliance Ltd (the 'Alliance') in respect of an application to novate the contract to the Alliance and the practice says that this process has been delayed;

The practice have confirmed that the following actions have been taken since the original list closure:

- Engagement of additional clinical pharmacy agency staff (awaiting DBS clearance);
- Implementation of APEX Insight – awaiting implementation dates;
- Appointment of additional practice nurses - complete
- ICC clinical pharmacy support – recruitment ongoing
- ICC frailty nurse / APN support – recruitment ongoing

Engagement with the Patient Participation Group (PPG) and neighboring practices was done when the original application was made.

The committee noted that several members who could not be present had submitted written comments on the application and these were made available in full to committee members.

The discussion focused on two main areas.

Firstly the specific issues for the practice, noting the effort the practice was making to resolve issues but that a new issue of significance had arisen which the committee felt to be material to the practices application.

Secondly the committee affirmed their view that practices in Carlisle should be supported to work together to seek an approach to mutual aid for practices experiencing difficulty and to develop collaborative ways of working that strengthened the resilience of General Practice. They noted that similar work undertaken by Copeland practices had been beneficial. The CCG would be keen to support the practices in this work and the committee felt that this was an important action short term.

However the committee felt that this collaborative work would take time to develop and would not, if progressed, address the immediate issues facing the practice. It

was therefore agreed that the application to support the list closure should be supported.

CR proposed

DL seconded

The recommendations were unanimously agreed by all voting members.

Resolved: The Committee approved option 1 to extend the current list closure for a period of 6 months.

PCCC 19/19. **AGENDA ITEM 04: Any other urgent items of business**

There were no further items of business.

PCCC 20/19. **AGENDA ITEM 05: Date and time of next meeting approved:**

Thursday 21 March 2019, Botcherby Community Centre, Carlisle

The meeting closed at 13:05 hours.

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