

Summary Report and Escalations from the Primary Care Commissioning Committee Meeting held in February 2019

1. Introduction

1.1 This report provides a summary of the issues discussed at the Primary Care Commissioning Committee meetings in February 2019. The Committee did not meet in January 2019.

2. Key Discussions from the meetings

2.1 The items discussed at the meeting were:

- Minutes of the December 2018 meeting – these are included in the Governing Body papers and provide a comprehensive account of the discussions at the meeting
- Action log
- **babylon GP at Hand** – NHS England advised the committee that it was lifting its objections on babylon GP at Hand offering a service in Birmingham. They said that a way forward had been found to address the issues of concern raised in the original objection with regard to access to national screening services and immunisations. The Committee asked NHS England to provide assurance that the clinical safety issues that they had raised before had been fully addressed before the practice was given the approval to start providing services in Birmingham . The Committee also highlighted that extending the service to Birmingham would put additional financial pressure on the CCG and were concerned that there was still no resolution to the current, in year funding issues. They asked NHS England colleagues to take this concern back in order to try and facilitate a resolution and suggested that relevant colleagues be invited to the next committee meeting to discuss the in year funding issue.
- **Finance** – the committee noted the month 9 position and the preliminary position for month 10, which was showing an adverse position of £300k related to activity, QOF payments and the additional costs associated with the caretaking arrangements for the Fulham Cross practice.
- **PMS update** – the committee received an update on the outcome of the disputes panel decision held on 6 December. The Committee approved the

panel's conclusion that the practice should be offered a new PMS contract , with a maximum of 4 years transition pathway starting from 1 January 2019 and ending on 31 December 2022 and that the CCG would continue to work with the practice to support the changes that they would need to make.

- **H&F Partnership Outstanding Invoice** – the committee received information of the ongoing issue related to an outstanding invoice with H&F Partnership for Health. The committee noted the actions that had been taken and proposed that the offer of mediation should be made.
- **CQC Practice Issues** – The committee received updates in respect of the Fulham Cross suspension and the recent reports issued by the CQC in relation to Ashchurch and Palace surgeries both of which had received a rating of “requires improvement”. Assurance visits to both practices were planned.
- **Health Help Now App** – The committee received an update on the roll out of the Health Help Now app within Hammersmith and Fulham. The committee asked for a report on how comments received from other parts of NW London where the app had been rolled out had been addressed.
- **Primary Care Access Consultation** – The committee received an update on the consultation. It was noted that Healthwatch had provided valuable input into the drafting of the public facing document that was being finalised.
- **GP Access** – the committee received a report on the outcome of discussions that had been taking place with two practices with regard to whether adequate arrangements were in place for patients to continue to have full access to primary care services when they are closed during the day. The committee noted that the assurances required had not been provided and agreed to raise objections with the practices.
- **APMS Contract Monitoring** – the committee received a report on changes proposed to a number of the key performance indicators relating to current APMS contracts. Changes were being proposed in order to bring arrangements up to date with changes that had been made in service delivery and the fact that some indicators had been retired. The changes were approved.
- **GMS Contracts Refresh** – the committee was advised that, as a result of a number of piecemeal contractual changes that had been made over a number of years, a refreshed contract was being issued which incorporated all changes. The committee noted this process.
- **Primary Care Contracting Assurance** – the committee received a report on the proposed process for reviewing compliance with current GP contracts. It was noted that this provided an opportunity for more joined up reporting alongside quality data.

- **Risk Register** – it was agreed that a number of risks on the register needed to be reviewed further as they were not up to date.
- **APMS** – the committee was advised that because of the timeline for undertaking the wave 7 of the APMS re-procurements an urgent decision was needed on whether the current two APMS contracts in Hammersmith and Fulham should be re-procured or dispersed. It was agreed that a virtual process would be undertaken and that a final decision would be taken by the committee Chair once all comments had been received. This would then be reported to the finance and performance committee. **Post meeting note:** committee agreed to the proposal to re-procure the service recognising the importance of the locations to the registered populations.

3. Escalation

3.1 There were no items for escalation to the Governing Body.

4. Action Required

4.1 The Governing Body is asked to **note** the report.

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