

Flash - Stockport Primary Care Commissioning Committee (PCCC)

Report To (Meeting):	One Stockport Health and Care Board		
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Date:	26 th July 2023	Agenda Item	13
Decision		Assurance	
		Information	X
Date of meeting 19 th July 2023 Summary of updates provided during meeting			

Practice Merger Application

- NHS GM Stockport Primary Care team have recently received an application to merge Heaton Moor Medical Group with Davenport Village Surgery (formerly Cedar House) to create a single partnership operating under a single General Medical Services (GMS) contract.
- The practices have already been operating under an informal merger arrangement since December 2022. This was due to the single-handed historic GP partner at Davenport accepting 2 Heaton Moor partners onto their contract. The single-handed partner then retired shortly.
- The Equality Impact Assessment shows no negative impacts for protected groups.

An update from Stockport Primary Care Board held on the 18th May 2023 highlighted:

- Community Pharmacy - Providers who currently hold 100-hour contracts can now reduce to 72 hours and there is a risk that if this occurs this may impact out of hours providers and patients unable to travel to other locations.
- Optometry Services – a learning disability pathway is in place; services have seen an increase from both GP's and self-referrals however assurance was provided that only 20% of referrals are reaching the secondary care pathway.
- There was no dental representation at the meeting so further engagement with dental providers to attend future board meetings will be actioned.
- Winter Planning – the PC board highlighted the need for primary care to develop winter planning models earlier than in previous years to achieve greatest impact however at the time of meeting the financial resource was uncertain.

The Local Medical Committee representative at the PCCC meeting 19th July raised concern that other GM localities had submitted winter plans inclusive of primary care schemes and that was not the position for Stockport locality. The Deputy Place Lead highlighted that locality plans had been submitted to the ICB in March against a very tight deadline for the Urgent Care Recovery fund. The ICB guidance had been that the funds should on be used on schemes that were currently running and incurring costs. Locality Executive agreed that funding would be used to support the intermediate tier capacity as an essential system resource and two mental health schemes, and this position had been communicated to Locality Board members on submission. It was agreed to continue the conversation about winter planning in the Urgent and Emergency Care Board on 20th July 2023.

Highlight report on Locality Primary Care Quality

- In terms of quality oversight, assurance on the continuing high-quality provision of Primary Care providers in Stockport was noted. Stockport is consistently the highest performer in GM for most metrics however there is recognition that there is variation in performance. The locality primary care team are continuing to analyse the data available and support Primary Care providers in improvements in any areas where they can reduce these variations.
- The GP patient survey data was released recently, early review of the data shows that Stockport practices perform well compared to both GM and nationally.

- Planning is underway for the next round of general practice and Primacy Care Network (PCN) quality visits.

PCN Capacity and Access Plans (CAP)

- 70% (£172.2 million national allocation) makes up the Capacity and Access Support Payment which will be paid to PCNs in 12 equal payments over the 2023-24 financial year.
- 30% (£73.8 million national allocation) makes up the Capacity and Access Improvement Payment which will be paid in full, or in part, to PCNs following assessment by a commissioner.
- To receive the CAP payments, PCNs must make improvements in 3 key areas addressed in improvement plans co-designed and co-owned (PCN/ICB)
 - Patient experience and contact,
 - Ease of access and demand management,
 - Accuracy of recording and appointment books.
- The PCN's fully reviewed practices performance in the 3 areas and also considered the Stockport SMBC Access Scrutiny Committee Recommendations 2022

Update on Locally Commissioned Services (LCS)

- The LCS framework was approved by Locality Board in March 2023. Due to GP contract changes, the previous framework had an access domain which was duplicated in the national contract.
- The access domain was removed and replaced with a new domain for prescribing and addictive medications and supporting patient led ordering plans. This amendment requires the Locality Board approval in August 2023.

Key decisions taken

Decisions Taken:

- The Stockport PCCC committee agreed that the contractual merger should take place and formally noted and approved the next steps. The decision by Stockport PCCC as an executive sub-committee of the NHS Greater Manchester (NHS GM) Primary Care Commissioning Committee is within the terms of the delegation agreement with NHS England. The Locality Board are asked to note the merger approval.

Assurance provided:

- All Stockport PCN's have submitted the Capacity and Access plans to the ICB for approval as required per the PCN DES impact and Investment scheme.
- Additional Roles Reimbursement Schemes (ARRS) – PCN's are continuing to recruit and plans in place to fully utilise the available resource for building their primary care teams.
- The Primary Care Commissioning Committee noted the Finance Update for the period ending 30 June 2023.

Actions noted:

- Primary Care winter schemes to be discussed further at Urgent Care Board on 20th July 2023 where impacts and challenges will be highlighted across the system.
- Regular updates will be provided on the implementation and progress of CAP plans to PCCC.

Matters referred to the Locality Board for approval, debate or further consideration

The Locality Board approval for amendment to the LCS framework – August 2023

Risks and mitigations raised

Primary Care Winter Schemes – impact and challenges of having no current identified investment in primary care winter pressure schemes including acute respiratory infection hubs to be reviewed as a system at Urgent Care Board.