

# Flash Report - Stockport Primary Care Commissioning Committee (PCCC)

<b>Report To (Meeting):</b>	One Stockport Health and Care Board			
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<b>Date:</b>	24 April 2024	<b>Agenda Item</b>	17	
<b>Decision</b>		<b>Assurance</b>		<b>Information</b>   <b>X</b>
<b>Date of meetings:</b> 13 December 2023, 31 January 2024, 27 March 2024				
<b>Summary of updates provided during two meetings:</b>				
<b>An update from Stockport Primary Care Board (16 November 2023 &amp; 18 January 2024):</b>				
Items discussed at the meeting included:				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• An update on community prescribing from the Stockport Integrated Pharmacy Service (SIPS) team at Viaduct Care.</li> <li>• Data was shared highlighting that Stockport benchmarked higher than other areas across primary care but it was acknowledged that further interrogation of the data was required to understand the position of specific areas such as dental and community pharmacy.</li> <li>• The Community Pharmacy update included enhanced services such as the minor ailment service included within the Locally Commissioned Service (LCS), national benchmarking and challenges regarding closure of pharmacies and workforce.</li> <li>• A representative from the SIPS team briefed on the workplan – Stockport was first in place in GM in terms of weighted prescribing costs and will be required to deliver c5% efficiencies in 2024/25.</li> <li>• A recommendation was submitted and subsequently approved by Primary Care Networks (PCNs) to extend the surge capacity hub to support general practices from December and January to the end of March 2024, commissioned via Mastercall Healthcare.</li> </ul>				
An update was provided on the Pharmacy First Scheme, a new Enhanced service to support primary care capacity, launched on 31 January 2024 following a national communications campaign. It would cover seven conditions including:				
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Sinusitis.</li> <li>2. Sore Throat.</li> <li>3. Earache.</li> <li>4. Infected insect bite.</li> <li>5. Impetigo.</li> <li>6. Shingles.</li> <li>7. Uncomplicated Urinary Tract Infections (UTIs) in women.</li> </ol>				
These would be treated via self-referral to the Pharmacy but could come through the Community Pharmacy Consultation Service (CPCS) via the GP. It should reduce the demand on general practice.				
<b>Highlight report on Locality Primary Care Quality</b>				
Key highlights presented at the meeting included:				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Quality and Performance across primary care remained high but there is currently limited data for certain areas.</li> <li>• Await data from a new GM dashboard – once this was live it would be monitored. Stockport would align with the GM measures</li> </ul>				

- Stockport remained in the top quartile in the country for cervical smears and screening and Covid-19 vaccine uptake. Mobilisation had commenced to deliver the Spring Booster vaccination programme to the vulnerable cohorts.
- The next round of quality visits to practices had commenced these would take place throughout the 2024.
- Quarter 3 data for Serious Mental Illness (SMI) showed that Stockport practices achieved an overall performance of 60.2% for completion of all six physical health checks against a national target of 60%.
- Stockport practices remained on track to achieve the target for Learning Disability health checks against a 75% year-end target.

### **Additional Roles Reimbursement Scheme (ARRS)**

Stockport locality was expected to utilise 100% of its funding for ARRS. There remained a challenge for Primary Care Networks to commit to recruitment to future ARRS roles due to uncertainty on future funding mechanisms. Post meeting it had been confirmed that there would be a 2% inflationary increase to budgets.

### **Update on Locally Commissioned Services (LCS)**

The first set of data from all practices had been received in October 2023 to monitor each measure within the contract. Ongoing work was taking place to develop an NHS Greater Manchester (NHS GM) dashboard to support benchmarking; data was shared at the March meeting. A draft GM process for LCS appeals had been produced and was likely to be adopted by each locality. Progress was being made on each indicator, particularly in Neighbourhoods and population health. The current LCS contract would remain in place for the first quarter of 2024/25; the new LCS contract was due to be implemented from July 2024.

### **Covid-19 vaccination update**

Stockport continued to perform well against its peers across GM for all but one measure. There had been targeted focus on hard-to-reach cohorts including asylum seekers and pop-up clinics had been delivered supported by Everest Pharmacy at the Olive Branch (a community centre supporting vulnerable cohorts) in Edgeley – this had been successful. It was noted that hospital admissions due to Covid-19 were much lower than in previous years, in part thanks to a successful vaccination programme in Stockport.

### **Estates Improvement Grant Bids**

Bids from six practices in Stockport had been successful to secure funding to make improvements / reconfigure space within existing premises.

### **Branch Site Closure Post Merger**

An update was provided on Heaton Norris Medical Group Branch Site closure (South Reddish) at the March meeting; there had been a delay in the planned relocation due to the building work taking longer than anticipated.

### **GP Contract Arrangements 2024/25**

An overview was provided on the GP contract for 2024/25 including the five key aims:

- Increase financial flexibilities to help with practice cashflow.
- continue to improve the patient experience of access by embedding the changes set out in the Delivery Plan for Recovering Access to Primary Care to improve and implement Modern General Practice Access.
- support PCNs as an important platform for working at scale by streamlining requirements and increasing clinical autonomy over how to improve care.
- providing greater staffing flexibilities including Additional Role Reimbursement Scheme (ARRS) so practices can better match workforce capacity to demand.
- Streamline incentives and reduce the bureaucracy and burdens of these schemes on general

practice.

### **Finance Report for the period ending 29 February 2024 – Month 11**

It was reported at the March meeting that a £0.157m favourable year to date variance and a £0.115m favourable forecast outturn variance was reported against NHS GM (Stockport) delegated primary care budget.

### **Key decisions taken**

#### **Decisions Taken:**

- None taken.

#### **Assurance provided:**

- All six Primary Care Networks (PCNs) were likely to utilise 100% of Additional Roles Reimburse Scheme funding by 31 March 2024.
- Vaccinations for the over-65s had a figure of 76% (well above the GM and national figures).

#### **Actions noted:**

- To receive a list of Stockport Pharmacies participating in the Pharmacy First Scheme – over 90% of pharmacies nationally had signed up to provide the service.
- Identify any areas for development and gaps in service provision on receipt of the GM dashboard.
- Review and refresh the Terms of Reference (ToR) for the Group, when the NHS GM Primary care Committee ToR review is complete.

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

Not applicable.

