

Nottingham City CCG Chief Officer Update

1. 2017/18 Quality Premium indicators

The Quality Premium (QP) rewards Clinical Commissioning Groups (CCGs) for improvements in the quality of the services they commission. The scheme also incentivises CCGs to improve patient health outcomes and reduce inequalities in health outcomes and improve access to services. As in previous years, a CCG may have its quality premium award reduced via the non-delivery of; the NHS Constitution commitments on Referral to Treatment (RTT) Times, A&E, ambulance and cancer waiting times; quality regulatory standards, and financial balance.

The QP award will be based on measures that cover a combination of national and local priorities. The national measures, worth 85% of the QP are; Early Cancer Diagnosis, GP Access and Experience 17%, Continuing Healthcare 17%, Mental Health 17%, Bloodstream Infections 17%.

For the mental health measure the CCG must choose an indicator based upon the inequality most pertinent to the given CCG. For Nottingham City CCG this is 'Out of area placements (OAPs)', to earn this element of the QP the CCG will need to demonstrate a reduction in the number of inappropriate adult Out of Area Placements for non-specialist adult mental health acute care.

CCGs must select one local indicator which will be worth 15% of the QP. The indicator must be selected from the Right Care suite of indicators, focussing on an area of unwarranted variation locally which offers the potential for CCGs to drive improvement. It is proposed that the CCGs local indicator should be 'increasing the uptake of flu vaccinations in pregnant women', as the CCG is a national outlier for this measure. The level of improvement needed to trigger the reward will be agreed locally between the CCG and NHS England regional team, ensuring that this is robust and offers a stretching ambition.

2. Closure of Dr Ghaharian's Practice – Wollaton Vale

Dr Ghaharian's practice in the Wollaton Vale Health Centre closed 28 February 2017 as Dr Ghaharian (the GP contract holder) has retired.

At the time of closure the list size was approximately 3000. The majority of patients have now registered with other practices after we provided them with a list of six local practices taking on patients.

Deer Park Family Medical Practice, which is also located in the Wollaton Vale health Centre, has taken on almost 1000 patients. The practice has recruited another doctor to meet demand.

The closure attracted attention in the media as well as from local politicians due to a pressure group campaigning for the surgery to remain open. The group staged a series of protests in various locations, including outside Standard Court.

Our Independent Primary Care panel considered a late alternative proposal to award the GP contract to other GPs but the proposal did not contain the necessary commitments. The panel agreed it was in the interests of patients to close the practice.

3. Lenton Medical Centre / Derby Road Health Centre merger

Lenton Medical Centre and Derby Road Health Centre are merging, from 1 April 2017. Lenton Medical Centre practice will close and patients will access primary care services from Derby Road Health Centre. Staff are also moving from Lenton Medical Centre to Derby Road Health Centre and the clinical systems are being migrated. Both practices have carried out extensive patient engagement and no concerns have been raised by patients.

4. Primary Care Patient Offer

In 2016 the CCG launched the primary care patient offer to improve quality and access in primary care. This is a voluntary enhanced service for Nottingham City practices, 42 practices have committed to delivering the offer. The Primary Care Patient Offer aims to deliver:

- Increased access to primary care services
- Equity of service provision to all city patients
- Opportunities to innovate and improve care
- Additional investment in General Practice to deliver fairness of funding

There is a set of standards for delivery of additional primary care services, quality standards for clinical effectiveness, patient safety and patient experience and standards for access. All participating practices must commence delivery of the standards from 1 April 2017. However, a number of practices started delivering the offer earlier (October, December and January). Following procurement, patients registered at practices not delivering the offer can access the primary care services from the successful bidder, CityCare, which is sub-contracting elements of the service to the Nottingham City GP Alliance.

5. Hospitals NHS Trust – New Medical Director

Nottingham University Nottingham University Hospitals NHS Trust (NUH) has appointed Dr Keith Girling as its new Medical Director to succeed Dr Stephen Fowlie, who retires at the end of May. Dr Girling's background is in critical care medicine; with 19 years as a consultant at NUH. He has previously been NUH's Clinical Director for Specialist Support and Clinical Director for Diabetes, Infectious Diseases, Renal Medicine, Cardiology and Cardiac Surgery, Vascular Surgery and Stroke. Dr Girling is presently the Trust's Deputy Medical Director and the Clinical Lead for NUH's strategic partnership with Sherwood Forest Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust. Dr Girling's start date in his new role is to be confirmed.

6. Proposed Changes to Congenital Heart Disease Services in England

Public consultation for proposed changes to Congenital Heart Disease Services in England has been launched. The following link takes you to the NHS England web pages, to contribute to the consultation. www.engage.england.nhs.uk

In July 2016, NHS England (NHSE) published a set of proposals regarding the future commissioning of congenital heart disease (CHD) services for children and adults. They describe the actions NHSE proposes to take in order to ensure a consistent standard of care for

CHD patients across the country by implementing national service standards at every hospital that provides CHD services.

The effect of the proposals, if implemented, will be that some hospitals will carry out more CHD surgery and catheter procedures, while others, which do not meet the relevant standards, will stop doing this work.

The aim of this public consultation is to provide information about the proposals and the potential impact they may have, if implemented, on the delivery of services, and to seek views about the plans. The Consultation will close on Monday 5 June 2017 at 23:59.

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