

Attachment

Report to: NEL CCG Joint Co-Commissioning Committee

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Date of Meeting: 18 October 2016

Subject:

Status: OPEN CLOSED

Complies with latest CCG Strategy for Primary Medical Services, if not, please give a brief reason why:

OBJECT OF REPORT:

This report is to update the committee on matters pertaining to the closed lists at the practices within Freshney Green Health Centre

STRATEGY:

N/A

IMPLICATIONS:

None to report

RECOMMENDATIONS (R) AND ACTIONS (A) FOR AGREEMENT:

To receive and note the update.

		Yes/ No	Comments
	Does the document take account of and meet the requirements of the following:		
i)	Mental Capacity Act	Yes	
ii)	CCG Equality Impact Assessment	Yes	
iii)	Human Rights Act 1998	Yes	
iv)	Health and Safety at Work Act 1974	Yes	
v)	Freedom of Information Act 2000 / Data Protection Act 1998	Yes	
iv)	Does the report have regard of the principles and values of the NHS Constitution? www.dh.gov.uk/en/Publicationsandstatistics/Publications/PublicationsPolicyAndGuidance/DH_113613	Yes	

Update

At the last Joint Co-Commissioning Committee, the Members agreed to all the 3 practices within Freshney Green (Littlefield, Woodford & Fieldhouse) to operate closed lists until end of November 2016. It was agreed that NHS England and the CCG needed to do a piece of work with these practices to support them with finding a longer term solution and to develop a co-ordinated plan of action across the practices that would align an end for the three practices list closures by December 2016.

NHS England and the CCG met with all three practices on 31 August 2016 to discuss the issues and agree a way forward. The follow actions were agreed:

Actions agreed	Progress on actions
Support on workload issues from the CCG, particularly issues associated with secondary care	The CCG local contract lead is working with the main acute provider to establish more robust mechanisms for monitoring against the contractual requirements within the standard contract which are aimed at reducing the impact on general practice workload. The CCG are also liaising with practices to develop a process to ensure the CCG is aware of all incidents where the acute provider has not met the contractual requirements.
Support on re-establishing services that avoid referrals, the CCG to look at reasons why services had been decommissioned	Work is ongoing to review previous commissioned services to understand the reasons for decommissioning and whether these could be recommissioned in the future
Practices to look at submitting another bid to NHS England as part of the Resilience fund	NHS England are continuing to support the practices in developing a robust case to be submitted as part of the Resilience Scheme.
Joint approach regarding a Recruitment package for Woodford and Fieldhouse	NHS England are continuing to support the practices in developing a robust case to be submitted as part of the Resilience Scheme.
Review practice boundaries for all 3 practices, NHS England to liaise with practices	NHS England awaiting further contact from the practices in respect of any boundary change requests
Practices to review impact of clinical pharmacist on GP workload	Ongoing

Fieldhouse practice have now submitted a request to NHS England to extend the period of their temporary closed list for a further six months. The actions listed include continuing to try and recruit into their vacancies which to-date have not been successful.

NHS England have not processed this application as yet, pending this update being submitted to the Committee and a decision made as to whether the extension should be reassessed at a later date.

Action for the Joint Committee:

- To note the contents of the report
- Decide if the extension request is to be approved for consultation and consideration or put on hold.