**Agenda Item: 9**

**Report to:** Primary Care Commissioning Committee

**Date of meeting:** 06/10/2020

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**Subject:** PCN Update

**Presented by:** Sarah Dawson, Service Lead for Primary Care

**Previously distributed to:** N/A

**STATUS OF THE REPORT *(auto check relevant box****)*

**Decision required** [ ]

**For Discussion to give Assurance** [ ]  *(Only if requested by Committee member prior to meeting)*

**For Information** [x]

**Report Exempt from Public Disclosure**  [x]  No [ ]  Yes

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| **PURPOSE OF REPORT:** | This paper has been prepared to update the PCCC regarding development of the Primary Care Networks locally.  |
| **Recommendations:** | PCCC is asked to note the update provided.  |
| **Clinical Engagement**  | N/A |
| **Patient/Public Engagement** | N/A |
| **Committee Process and Assurance:** | PCCC  |

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| **Link to CCG’s Priorities** | * Sustainable services
* Empowering people
 | [x] [x]  | * Supporting communities
* Fit for purpose organisation
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| **Are there any specific and/or overt risks relating to one or more of the following areas?** | * Legal
* Finance
* Quality
* Equality analysis (and Due Regard Duty)
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* Performance
* Other
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**Provide a summary of the identified risk**

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**Executive Summary**

**Primary Care Networks Update**

**Background**

The NHS Long Term Plan set out the vision for the development of Primary Care Networks (PCNs), which will form the foundation for the delivery of integrated care to the local population. This is also reflected within the CCG’s Primary Care Strategy. PCNs are groups of GP practices working more closely together, with other primary and community care staff and health and care organisations, providing integrated services to their local populations.

Initially there were 5 PCNs in North East Lincs, established July 2019, reducing to 3 PCNs in 2020 as 3 of the PCNs merged to create one. The 3 PCNs are Freshney Pelham, Meridian Health Group and Panacea and the details of the practices are listed below.

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| **PCN - Freshney Pelham** |  |
| **Clinical Director:** Dr A Chathley |  List size |
| Fieldhouse Medical Group | 12393 |
| Woodford Medical Practice |  9829 |
| Littlefield Surgery |  5415 |
| Pelham Medical Group |  9592 |
| Humberview Surgery |  1961 |
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| **PCN - Meridian Health Group** |  |
| **Clinical Director:** Dr M Tucker |  List size |
| The Roxton Practice |  29524 |
| Roxton@Weelsby View |  2867 |
| Open Door Surgery |  1809 |
| Quayside Practice |  3000 |
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| **PCN - Panacea** |  |
| **Clinical Director:** Dr S Allamsetty  |  List size |
| Beacon Medical Practice | 12119 |
| Dr A Kumar  |  3488 |
| The Lynton Practice |  4213 |
| Raj Medical Practice |  6543 |
| Core Care Family Practice |  2542 |
| Healing Partnership |  2337 |
| Scartho Medical Practice | 13106 |
| Dr P Suresh Babu |  2666 |
| Chantry Health Group |  6100 |
| Birkwood Medical Centre |  8695 |
| Greenlands Surgery |  2770 |
| Clee Medical Centre | 14226 |
| Dr Sinha |  4481 |
| Dr Mathews |  4330 |
| Dr Biswas-Saha  |  2460 |
| Dr O Qureshi |  3892 |

As a PCN, there are a number of key requirements and deliverables and these are set out in the PCN Direct Enhanced Service documentation.

The key focus for this year include:

* The development of aligned teams around the PCN and especially with community nursing
* Recruitment to additional roles as detailed in the DES
* Both of the above supporting the delivery of 3 National Service Specifications (Enhanced Health in Care Homes, Early Identification and Diagnosis of Cancer and Structured Medication Reviews).

**PCN Development**

Prior to Covid, a number of workshops and meetings were held between the PCNs and other community providers to look at how teams could work together and where appropriate, alignment of the teams around the PCNs.

Since then, Community Nursing Teams have aligned with two of the PCNs and are working together to develop strong working relationships and processes to support this new way of working. The third PCN (Freshney Pelham) has historically had their own community nursing team who are aligned to the PCN. In addition, MacMillan Nurses and Mental Health Teams are also working more closely with the PCNs and developing new ways of working.

PCN Clinical Director and CCG meetings were established in 2019 and these were held monthly during the Protected Learning Time. During Covid these were moved to virtual meetings and are now held fortnightly with the recent addition of the PCN Clinical Directors holding their own meeting without the CCG for the first part.

During Covid the PCNs have supported joint working and with the CCG have developed agreed escalation plans should there be an increase in Covid infections locally impacting on both demand and capacity of staff to provide care.

In terms of delivering the 3 National Service Specifications there has been a significant amount of work undertaken regarding the care homes. During the earlier part of the pandemic, there was a national request for CCGs to provide support to care homes. In NEL this has been provided via the PCNs with each PCN aligning to a care home, having a named Clinical Lead and MDTs established. This has put the PCNs in a good position for delivering the PCN Enhanced Health in Care Homes as required within the DES. Regular meetings are held with the PCN Care Home Clinical Leads to discuss progress and to identify any difficulties and potential solutions.

For the Early Identification and Cancer Diagnosis each PCN has recently been provided with a detailed information pack and offer of support from Cancer UK. Meetings are being arranged to progress this offer of support.

Recent guidance has been published to support the delivery of the structured medication reviews and this is currently being reviewed by PCNs and CCG.

In addition to the above, an update of the DES Contract (see link above) has been published in September 2020 and this includes details of the Impact Investment Fund which provides additional funding to PCNs for the delivery of a set of indicators relating to prevention, those at higher risk and health inequalities and this is currently being worked through.

In order to support the service specifications outlined above, each PCN had an allocated budget to recruit additional posts from an agreed list of 10 roles (recently increased to 12) and each PCN has submitted their plans for recruitment during 20/21. A number of roles have already been recruited to and plans in place for further recruitments.

PCNs are also required to submit plans for future years until 2024 by the end of October 2020.

In addition to the contracted requirements, there is now PCNs representation at key local and ICS meetings to ensure input from PCNs and feedback. PCNs have also started to develop stronger working relationships with the hospital Trust (Northern Lincolnshire and Goole) looking at how they can work differently together, for example in managing outpatient appointments.

**Recommendations**

PCCC is asked to note the update provided.