

Report to Governing Body: 24/07/2014

Title:	Expression of interest in co-commissioning Primary Care service with NHS England
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Executive summary:**Purpose of the report:**

This report is brought to the Governing Body to set out the CCG progress in respect of co-commissioning of primary care services with NHS England.

Key Points:

On 9 May 2014, NHS England asked CCGs to submit an expression of interest in co-commissioning primary care services with NHS England by 20 June 2014.

The Executive team identified that the development of co-commissioning would offer benefits for local people by further facilitating the CCG in achieving the business plan two year objectives namely to:

- Secure the Vision for Quality out of hospital services; and
- Securing sustainable, safe local services.

The Executive team used the Membership Engagement event on 19 June to develop a proposed expression of interest which was submitted on 20 June 2015. NHS Warwickshire North CCG are working together with Coventry and Rugby CCG and South Warwickshire CCG and the NHS England Area Team to make best use of the local resources, capacity and capability, as no additional resources are available.

NHS England Arden, Hereford and Worcester (AHW) Area Team will provide feedback on the CCG submission shortly. NHS England received 183 submissions from 211 CCGs, and are planning to issue a new Governance Framework to support co-commissioning of primary care services by the Autumn of 2014.

Recommendation(s):

Members are asked to **NOTE** the progress report, and seek a further update in the Autumn, when more details of the next stages are known.

WNCCG Objectives:	Tick (✓)
To improve health, health outcomes and reduce inequalities.	✓
To lead the way to safety and quality through commissioning.	
To make the best use of resources.	
To build a health system fit for our population by 2020.	✓

Risk and assurance issues	The CCG may have insufficient capacity to support the development of the proposal in time for the CCG to adopt new responsibilities by April 2015. At this early stage, it is difficult to fully assess this risk, but a risk assessment will be completed as soon as further detail of the work plan in 2014/15 is confirmed.
Equality and diversity issues	An Equality Impact Assessment is not able to be completed until the proposals are firm.
Legal and regulatory issues	The CCG may need to review the Governance arrangements and the Constitution when the proposed new activities are known.
Patient Engagement Issues	The CCG plan to use patient engagement to inform the 2015/16 commissioning intentions, to secure local opinions and views about the proposals as yet no engagement has been completed on this topic.

Primary Care Co-Commissioning Progress Report

1. Purpose of the report

This report is brought to the Governing Body to set out the CCG progress in respect of co-commissioning of primary care services with NHS England.

2. Background

As part of the reorganisation of the NHS commissioning responsibilities in 2012/13, NHS England took over the responsibility for commissioning Primary Care Services from Primary Care Trusts. Primary Care commissioning includes contracting for General Practice, Community Pharmacy, Community Dental and Optometric services.

NHS England asked Clinical Commissioning Groups to express their interest in co-commissioning primary care services, with the aim of improving the integration of health and other care services in the community, raising standards of quality and, addressing inequalities.

They described a spectrum of forms that co-commissioning might take, namely:

- Influencing commissioning decisions by NHS England
- Joint commissioning arrangements
- Delegated commissioning arrangements.

They asked for expressions of interest to co-commission by 20 June 2014, allowing CCGs to express interest in all areas other than the management of the primary care Performers List, and revalidation and appraisal of professionals.

The Coventry and Warwickshire 5 year strategy describes our local plan for integrated care with General Practice co-ordinating care around the patient, and addressing inequalities. The 3 local CCGs believe that co-commissioning primary care services will facilitate the best synergy between Primary Care and other services.

This development fits with NHS Warwickshire North CCG 2014/15 – 2015/16 Business Plan, and the objectives to

- Secure the Vision for Quality out of hospital services for those who are frail, have dementia, are at the end of their life or have mental health needs, and
- Securing sustainable, safe local services.

NHS Warwickshire North CCG Executive team developed a proposal after engagement with Member Practices on the 19 June 2014, the Area Team and a representative of Warwickshire LMC, which aims to deliver added value through collaboration and co-commissioning of GP services. NHS England have reported that 183 of the 211 CCGs in England submitted an expression of interest in co-commissioning.

3. Scope of expression of interest for NHS Warwickshire North CCG

The CCG are suggesting developing joint responsibility between the CCG and the Area Team, to be involved in developing the local Primary Care Strategy and specifically in the following:

- Co-ordinating the work each do with patients, the public and with Health and Wellbeing boards to assess need and decide strategic priorities.
- Planning and decision-making related to new GP premises (including any related new discretionary payments) to ensure these join-up with both local and wider Warwickshire and Coventry system-wide strategies.

- Enhancing collaboration to develop GP and Practice Nurse training, education and opportunities for local research; and
- In respect of new providers, influencing decisions on new providers, and informing decisions on GP Practice mergers.

The CCG are working closely with Coventry and Rugby CCG and South Warwickshire CCG in developing co-commissioning.

4. Governance

Adopting co-commissioning arrangements may mean a significant change to the activities originally set out for the CCG, as such the CCG will need to review the Constitution and Governance arrangements before April 2015, to ensure that any such changes are in place before taking on the additional responsibilities.

There are no additional management resources for co-commissioning, therefore co-commissioning at scale with the 2 local CCGs, will enable us to make the best of our resources by sharing intelligence, capacity and capability and learning across the 3 CCGs, and with the NHS England Arden, Hereford and Worcester Area Team.

5. Next steps

The proposal for co-commissioning has been shared with local key stakeholders, and a response requested by the end of July in readiness for further development of the approach.

The CCG is expecting to receive feedback from NHS England on the local proposals shortly, after which the details and timescale for progressing any proposals will be clear. Once this advice has been received, it should be possible to determine the formal timescale and approval process, by which the Governing Body and Member Practices can consider any change.

NHS England have completed a desk top review of all the proposals received, and will be developing a new governance framework for the aspects where joint commissioning is proposed. They have described that the framework will involve the development of "Committees in Common" across NHS England and the CCG with more details available by the autumn.

6. Recommendation

Members are asked to **NOTE** the progress report, and seek a further update in the Autumn, when more details of the next stages are known.