

NHS Rotherham Clinical Commissioning Group

Primary Care Sub Group – 31 March 2021

Primary Care Committee – 14 April 2021

Primary Care Financial Position: Period ending 28 February 2021

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Purpose:

To inform members of the financial position as at 28 February 2021 (month 11).

Background:

This report covers the financial position for the **11 month period to 28 February 2021** for Primary Care and includes:

- Primary Care Delegated budget devolved from NHSE/ I (medical primary care services)
- Other locally commissioned primary care services including local enhanced services, extended access and GPIT.

Financial Regime:

In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, NHSE/ I issued guidance for CCGs to operate under a temporary financial regime. In months 1-6 this included a monthly retrospective allocation, for reasonable over/underspends against a nationally calculated budget.

For the period 1 October to 31 March 2021 the CCG received a fixed funding envelope to monitor spend against for the remainder of the financial year. For delegated primary care medical services the allocation received represents 6/12th of the original 2020/21 notified allocation. For other primary care services this represents a projection of spend for month 7-12 based on spend already incurred in the first 6 months of the financial year.

Allocations outside of the fixed funding envelope, such as Service Development Funding and spend which continues to be funded retrospectively, for example infrastructure costs relating to the provision of the Flu vaccine, are discussed below.

Primary Care Delegation Responsibility:

Does this paper relate to Rotherham CCG or delegated business?

Rotherham CCG	
Delegated	
Both Rotherham CCG and delegated	✓

Please indicate which area of delegated responsibility this paper covers:

Commissioning, procurement and management of GMS,PMS and APMS contracts including taking contractual action	
Newly designed enhanced services (including DES)	

Local incentive schemes	
Discretionary payments	
Commissioning urgent care for out of area registered patients	
Planning Primary medical care services (PMCS)	
Managing practices with CQC / quality concerns	
Decisions on premise cost directions	
Planning the commissioning of PMCS	
Manage the delegated allocation for commissioning of PMCS	✓
Assurance to the governing body on the quality and safety of PMCS	

Please indicate which of the Delegated Duties Decisions this paper requires:-

Delegated Duties – iii – Decisions in relation to the establishment of new GP practices (including branch surgeries) and closures of GP practices.	
Delegated Duties – iv –Decisions about ‘discretionary payments’.	
Delegated Duties – v – Decisions about commissioning urgent care (including home visits as required) for out of area registered patients.	
Delegated Duties – b – The approval of practice mergers.	

Analysis of key issues and of risks

Financial Summary

a) Delegated medical primary care services

The CCG has been allocated a budget of £40,705k for delegated medical primary care services.

Delegated Medical Primary Care Services : April 2020 - February 2021	Year to date: Month 11					Forecast Outturn Full Year				
	Year to date budget Month 1-11 £'000	Actual £'000	YTD Variance £'000	Expected Alloc'ns £'000	Adjusted Positon YTD Variance £'000	Annual Budget £'000	Forecast Spend £'000	Forecast variance £'000	Expected Alloc'ns £'000	Adjusted Positon FOT Variance £'000
	PMS/ GMS/ APMS Contract & QOF	26,892	26,890	-2		-2	29,337	29,334	-2	
Network Payments: e.g. additional Roles, Clinical	2,502	2,773	271	271	0	2,629	3,095	467	467	0
Primary Care ES, PMS premium reinvestment e.g Quality	2,560	2,561	2		2	2,799	2,793	-6		-6
Direct reimbursement to practices for premises	2,952	3,002	49		49	3,231	3,261	30		30
Other GP Services e.g clinical waste, dispensing &	1,326	1,277	-48		-48	1,429	1,408	-21		-21
Non Recurrent Funding: COVID expansion funding	632	632	0		0	690	690	0		0
NHS Property Services - void space and subsidies	542	542	0		0	591	591	0		0
Total: delegated primary care medical services	37,406	37,677	271	271	0	40,705	41,172	467	467	0

The above allocation includes 60% of the total additional roles reimbursement scheme (ARRs) allocation, with 40% being held centrally. Of the 40% held centrally, £467k is required to cover existing posts and new appointments made between January and March. Assurance has been given that the additional 40% will be allocated in March, therefore the adjusted year to date and forecast position is break- even.

There are no other significant variances to report at this time.

b) Locally commissioned/ other primary care services

The allocated budget for locally commissioned primary care services is £7,931k This has reduced from month 10 due to a reclassification of COVID costs previously all reported under primary care.

Other Primary Care Services: April 2020 - Feb 2021	Year to date: Month 11			Forecast Outturn Full Year		
	Year to date budget Month 1-11	Actual	YTD Variance	Annual Budget	Forecast Spend	Forecast variance
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
GP IT	961	961	0	1,067	1,067	0
CCG Local Enhanced Services	2,249	2,230	-20	2,485	2,444	-41
Commissioning and Prescribing LIS	500	500	0	545	545	0
PCN Administration fee £1.50 p/head	366	366	0	399	399	0
Improving Access	1,486	1,486	0	1,622	1,622	0
COVID-19 related spend	642	642	0	692	692	0
GP Forward view: non recurrent	321	321	0	350	350	0
Other	722	718	-4	771	773	2
Total: Other primary care	7,246	7,222	-23	7,931	7,892	-39

Variances relate to the following:

- a) **Local Enhanced Services:** Quarter 3 payment is based on activity which is slightly lower than budget resulting in a forecast underspend of £41k and £26k year to date. In order to support the COVID vaccine programme, the Quarter 4 payment will revert to a block payment following the NHSE/I letter issued on 7th January "Freeing up practices to support COVID vaccinations"
- b) **Flu vaccine costs:** All retrospective allocations have been received.

Additional Non recurrent Funding 2021/22

The General Practice Covid Capacity Expansion Fund has been extended to cover the period from 1 April to 30 September 2021. £120 million of revenue funding will be allocated to systems, ringfenced exclusively for general practice, to support the expansion of capacity until the end of September. The funding is non-recurrent and should not be used to fund commitments running beyond this period.

Patient, Public and Stakeholder Involvement:

No new issues

Equality Impact:

N/A

Financial Implications:

Outlined in the report

Human Resource Implications:

N/A

Procurement Advice:

N/A

Data Protection Impact Assessment:

N/A

Approval history:
N/a
Recommendations:
Members of the Primary Care Committee are asked to note the reported financial position and supporting information provided in the report.
Paper is for noting