

Local Medical Committee (LMC) – 14 February 2022

Primary Care Sub Group – 23 February 2022

Primary Care Committee – 9 March 2022

Local Enhanced Service (LES) 2022-23 - revisions to service specifications

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Purpose:

To advise the Primary Care Committee of the revisions to the Local Enhanced Service (LES) Specifications for commissioning in 2022/23.

Background:

All 16 GP Local Enhanced Service specifications, two Pharmacy Local Enhanced Service specifications and two Optometry Local Enhanced Service specifications are reviewed annually. NHS Rotherham CCG works in conjunction with the Local Medical Committee (LMC), Local Pharmaceutical Committee (LPC) and Local Optical Committee (LOC) around changes in relation to re-commissioning the LES specifications. Those changes are then ultimately approved by the Primary Care Committee.

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.	N/A
Delegated Duties – iv –Decisions about ‘discretionary payments’.	N/A
Delegated Duties – v – Decisions about commissioning urgent care (including home visits as required) for out of area registered patients.	N/A
Delegated Duties – b – The approval of practice mergers.	N/A

Analysis of key issues and of risks

Remuneration

The CCG is awaiting the release of the 2022/23 Planning Guidance which will inform the application of uplifts to the individual LES payments.

Review of services

NHS Rotherham CCG has reviewed the following Local Enhanced Services and has identified below the sections where changes have been required:-

General Practice Local Enhanced Services

Change made to all LES Specifications:

- **Period** - Dates on all LES’ amended to 1 April 2022 to 31 March 2023
- **Read codes** - Any specifications with Read codes inserted are being reviewed by the Data Quality team for inclusion of SNOMED codes where appropriate.

Anticoagulation Service Specification –

- **Section 3.3 Target population and eligibility criteria** – date for Anticoagulation Appendices changed to 2022-23
- **Section 3.10 Indications for treatment** –
 - Target INR table removed
 - Narrative around dosage adjustment included
 - Table included with recommended INR targets for mechanical valves
- **Section 3.15 Data returns and key performance indicators** – reference to updated NICE Guidelines
- **Anticoagulation Appendices – Quick Reference Document on Anticoagulation with Warfarin** document refreshed with changes made to following sections:
 - **Opening paragraph** – updated to include refreshed Rotherham Foundation Trust (TRFT) policy
 - Initiation of warfarin therapy – updated to include reference to direct oral anticoagulants and reference to refreshed TRFT policy
 - Clinical indication, Target INR and direction of therapy - updated to reference to refreshed TRFT policy
- **Anticoagulation Appendix A – Requirements of the Provider Standard Operating Procedure** document refreshed with changes made to following:
 - **Initiation** – now includes initiation of warfarin for ‘stroke prevention in the management of atrial fibrillation’

Shared Care Drugs Service Specification

- **Sections 3.1** – Text removed regarding practices to confirm in writing to the discharging hospital they have taken the responsibility for individual patient care.

This has not been part of the pathway for a number of years but the specification has just been updated to reflect this. The feedback from the LMC in relation to the removal of this text is that they cannot endorse it as it doesn't follow current BMA guidance. They have advised that their perception is that in removing this text the responsibility for any incidents of patient transfer being missed by general practice would sit with the CCG.

This has been flagged with the Medicines Management Team, but the CCG disputes that there would be any responsibility on their part.

- **Rotherham Shared Care Protocols table** – Removal of requirement to monitor CRP

Severe Mental Illness (SMI) Service Specification

- This specification remains under review at this time.

Transgender Service Specification –

- **Section 3.2 Service Description Pathway** – revision of monitoring requirements
- **Section 3.3 Shared Care Prescribing guidelines** – to be updated once guidelines approved and published

Risks identified

Under NHS England and NHS Improvement's 'Investment and Evolution: A five-year framework for GP contract reform to implement The NHS Long Term Plan' programme, five new national specifications were due to be implemented from April 2020.

However, two of these have been delayed until 2022/23 – Personalised Care and Anticipatory Care. The new Anticipatory Care specification may duplicate some or all elements of the current Case Management LES. NHS England and NHS Improvement ordinarily release guidance prior to the services being introduced but as of December 2021, this guidance is not yet available for review.

In the meantime, the CCG proposes to continue to commission the current LES until further guidance has been received, to enable the CCG to determine what, if any, duplication exists. Once available, the Case Management LES will be reviewed against the national criteria and a decision will be taken with regards to the LES' future service delivery requirements.

Reference to NHSE Primary Medical Care Policy and Guidance Manual (PGM):

3.6 Joint commissioning arrangements

3.7 Delegated commissioning arrangements

Patient, Public and Stakeholder Involvement:

All 2022/23 GP Local Enhanced Services (LES) Specifications as listed above were received by LMC on 14 February 2022.

Equality Impact:

No impact to NHS Rotherham CCG as services already in place.

Financial Implications:

CCG Officers will review the recently released Planning Guidance, with regard to uplifting General Practice Local Enhanced Services payments.

Human Resource Implications:

N/A

Procurement Advice:

N/A

Data Protection Impact Assessment:

N/A

Approval history:

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Recommendations:

The Primary Care Committee is requested to approve the proposed changes and continued commissioning of the services into 2022/23.

Paper is for Approval