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Committees where Paper Previously Presented:			
Background Paper(s):	PMS Premium Update Report (24 February 2016)		
Summary of Report:	The purpose of this paper is to remind members of the Joint Committee of the outcome of the Queens Square Surgery PMS review and to propose the use of released PMS premiums to commission the services that Queens Square surgery provide which were deemed as over and above what would be expected for a practice to provide under core General Medical Services (GMS).		
Recommendation(s):	Members of the Joint Committee are asked to:- Consider the recommendation from the CCG to use released PMS premiums to commission two services from Queens Square, supporting the populations of Beaumont College and Littledale Hall.		
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Identified Risks:			
Impact Assessment: (Including Health, Equality, Diversity and Human Rights)			
Strategic Objective(s) Supported by this Paper:			Please Select (X)
To Improve the health of our population and reduce inequalities in health			X
To reduce premature deaths from a range of long term conditions			X
To develop care closer to home			X
To commission safe, sustainable and high quality Hospital Health Care			X
To commission safe, sustainable and high quality Mental Health Care			
To improve capacity and capability of primary care services to respond to the changing health needs of our population			X
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Lancashire North Clinical Commissioning Group
Primary Care Co-commissioning Joint Committee

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Proposal to Commission an Enhanced Service for the residents of Beaumont College and Littledale Hall using released PMS Premiums

1. Purpose

The purpose of this paper is to remind members of the Joint Committee of the outcome of the Queens Square Surgery PMS review and to propose the use of released PMS premiums to commission the services that Queens Square surgery provide which were deemed as over and above what would be expected for a practice to provide under core General Medical Services (GMS).

2. Background

Personal Medical Services (PMS) contracts are locally negotiated contracts between the commissioning organisation (NHS England) and the provider (GP Practices). PMS contracts were introduced to allow the commissioning of services which more closely reflect local need either through specifying additional objectives or services (e.g. vulnerable groups or specific health needs of the population served).

In 2014 NHS England launched a national review of PMS contracts and Area Teams were informed that they should:-

- Begin a programme of reviews from April 2014 and to complete this process by March 2016 at the latest.
- Seek to secure best value from future investment of the “premium” element of PMS funding by ensuring available resources for investment are deployed in line with the following criteria:-
 - Reflect joint AT/CCG strategic plans for primary care;
 - Secure services or outcomes that go beyond what is expected of core general practice or improve primary care premises
 - Help reduce health inequalities
 - Give equality of opportunity to all GP practices
 - Support fairer distribution of funding at a locality level

Decide on an appropriate pace of change for any “premium” removal that takes into account the impact on services to patients and the individual practices affected.

In order to undertake the review a Lancashire Working Group was established, which included colleagues from NHS England Commissioning and Finance teams, the LMC and a representative from each Lancashire CCG.

3. Introduction

Queens Square surgery within Lancashire North CCG holds a PMS contract and one of the cases that the PMS working group reviewed. The practice provides services to support patients at Beaumont College for adults with learning difficulties and Littledale Hall, which is a drug and alcohol rehabilitation unit. In February 2016 the Primary Care Co-commissioning Joint Committee accepted the Lancashire panel’s decision that the services being provided

by Queens Square were identified as being over and above core GMS. It was agreed that the removal of the premium should not commence until the services over and above GMS have been re-commissioned and the contract value agreed in order to avoid any potential de-stabilisation.

4. Services

As stated above, Queens Square surgery currently provide an enhanced service to the residents of Beaumont College and Littledale Hall as part of their PMS contract funded by their PMS premium. The attached service specifications have been developed to be considered by the CCG for commissioning from the 1st April 2017 at a value jointly of not greater than £35,000 (the current value of the PMS premium is £86,298). Details of individual payment proposals are included in the two separate specifications and have been worked through using examples from other LES areas and are subject to agreement with the practice.

4.1 Risks

If the CCG does not commission these services, the practice will cease providing enhanced support to this population and users of these services will register at different practices without the support offered under this enhanced service. This could potentially be clinically detrimental to this cohort of patients and could also have an effect on the wider urgent care system.

4.2 Procurement

The value of these services does not exceed the threshold detailed within the EU procurement regulations.

5. Recommendations

- Members of the Joint Committee are asked to:
 - Consider the recommendation from the CCG to use released PMS premiums to commission two services from Queens Square, supporting the populations of Beaumont College and Littledale Hall.

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