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**Morecambe Bay**  
Clinical Commissioning Group

**AGENDA ITEM NO: 8.0.**

<b>Meeting Title/Date:</b>	Primary Care Commissioning Committee - 14 January 2021		
<b>Report Title:</b>	Primary Care Commissioning Operational Group Quarterly Report - October 2020 to December 2020		
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<b>Committees where Paper Previously Presented:</b>	Previous Quarterly Report presented to Committee meeting on 1 October 2020.		
<b>Background Paper(s):</b>	N/A.		
<b>Summary of Report:</b>	<p>Quarterly reports from the Primary Care Commissioning Operational Group (PCCOG) are presented to the Committee.</p> <p>The last quarterly report was presented to the Committee in October 2020.</p>		
<b>Recommendation(s):</b>	The Primary Care Commissioning Committee is asked to note the work of the Primary Care Commissioning Operational Group.		
			<b>Please Select Y/N</b>
<b>Identified Risks:</b> (Record related AF or RR reference number)	N/A.		N
<b>Impact Assessment:</b> (Including Health, Equality, Diversity and Human Rights)	N/A.		N
<b>Strategic Objective(s) Supported by this Paper:</b>			<b>Please Select (X)</b>
<b>Better Health</b> - improve population health and wellbeing and reduce health inequalities			X
<b>Better Care</b> - improve individual outcomes, quality and experience of care			X
<b>Delivered Sustainably</b> - create an environment for motivated, happy staff and achieve our control total			X
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**MORECAMBE BAY CCG PRIMARY CARE COMMISSIONING COMMITTEE**  
**PRIMARY CARE COMMISSIONING OPERATIONAL COMMITTEE**  
**QUARTERLY REPORT**  
**OCTOBER TO DECEMBER 2020**

**1. INTRODUCTION**

- 1.1 The Primary Care Commissioning Operational Group (PCCOG), as a sub-group of the Primary Care Commissioning Committee, provides a quarterly report to the Committee on the work it has undertaken in the previous quarter.
- 1.2 This report covers the period 1 October 2020 to 31 December 2020 and sets out the work of PCCOG during that period. The Group has held 2 meetings<sup>1</sup>: 15 October and 26 November. It was agreed at the November 2020 meeting that, in light of CCG guidance around meetings, the meeting scheduled for December 2020 would be cancelled.

**2. PROGRESS ON KEY WORKSTREAMS**

- 2.1 The areas of work the Group has focussed on can broadly be broken down into the following headings:
- **Specific support / developments in relation COVID-19**
    - The major focus of work during November and December was the establishment of PCN Covid-19 Vaccination Sites in line with Government guidance. All 8 PCNs within Morecambe Bay will have designated Vaccination Sites, which have been approved by NHS England / Improvement, established by the beginning of January 2021.
    - The Group received a report regarding the distribution of Pulse Oximeters to patients living in the community to assist in the early detection of their symptoms worsening and thereby ensure that patients received timely and appropriate care. The Primary Care Team is working with colleagues from the Integrated Care Communities and Community Services Team to assist in this project.
    - The Primary Care Team is working with colleagues within the Business Intelligence Team and with other CCGs across the ICS to assess the

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increased demand on general practice. PCN Clinical Directors are assisting with this project. Work is ongoing in respect of this project.

- The Group has continued to oversee the response of Primary Care providers to the Covid-19 pandemic. There have not been any specific decisions the Group needed to make during this October to December quarter in relation to payments to practices. The Group will take any necessary decisions in respect of practice finances during the fourth quarter (January to March 2021).

- **Winter Planning / Practice Resilience**

- In light of the additional pressure on practices due to the Covid-19 pandemic, the Primary Care Team worked with colleagues within the CCG, local Out of Hours Providers (CHOC and PDS) and the Local Medical Committee (LMC) to develop a way of providing additional support to practices should this be required. This consists of range of levels: 'Bronze', 'Silver' and 'Gold', for when practices may need to access some remote support which could be: arrangements to 'buddy' with a neighbouring practice / remote video consultations / remote triage, or postponement of non-urgent routine interventions. This additional support has worked well and Bronze level support has been taken up by the majority of practices from November onwards due to the increased pressure on practices; seven practices have requested Silver support.

- **Quality Assurance**

- The Group had undertaken a small number of Annual Practice Visits,<sup>2</sup> however it was agreed at the November meeting to pause the schedule of planned visits and to review this decision at the January 2021 meeting, due to the need for practices to work towards the delivery of the Covid-19 vaccine. The Group noted that feedback from the first practice visited was that the practice had found this useful.

- **Primary Care IT Digital Work-plan**

- Work is ongoing in relation to the roll-out of additional IT kit to practices to support members of staff who had been recruited under the PCN DES.
- Work is also ongoing with the support provided to Care Homes; most had responded to a questionnaire which had been distributed. Further updates will be provided to PCCOG in 2021.

- **Medicines Optimisation**

- The Group supported the Medicines Optimisation Team's work with the Commissioning Support Unit (CSU) to streamline the cascade of drug alerts to ensure that any which are urgent and need action within a specific timeframe are easily identifiable.
- The Group supported the further development of the Community Pharmacy Consultation Service which had been launched by NHS England. This had been piloted elsewhere within the ICS area and enabled GPs to refer

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patients with minor ailments to a Community Pharmacy. Feedback was that the project had worked well and the Group supported the development of this project across Morecambe Bay.

- The Group continued to receive Warfarin Monitoring reports; it was noted that the Medicines Optimisation Team had reviewed and, where appropriate, updated the guidelines for the management of patients on Warfarin.
- **Enhanced Services**
  - The Group discussed the Complex Dressing / Venous Ulcer Local Enhanced Service and agreed that further revisions to this were necessary; this is to be taken forward through discussions with Morecambe Bay Primary Care Collaborative.
- **Monitoring Primary Care Risks**
  - Primary Care Risks have continued to be monitored by the Group during the pandemic.

### **3. OTHER PRIMARY CARE WORKSTREAMS**

#### **Development of the Workforce**

- 3.1 Due to the on-going situation relating to the pandemic, this area of work has not progressed significantly.

#### **Development of Primary Care Networks**

- 3.2 PCNs continued to recruit new members of staff under the Additional Roles Recruitment Scheme (ARRS), which enables PCNs to claim reimbursement of salaries for these posts. All PCNs were required to submit two returns in relation to the additional roles; the first to identify their recruitment plans for 2020/21 and the second to confirm recruitment intentions for 2021/22 until 2023/24.
- 3.3 As previously said, PCNs have worked extremely hard within a short period of time to establish Vaccination sites and have started the programme of Covid-19 vaccinations to patients.

#### **Morecambe Bay Primary Care Collaborative**

- 3.4 Morecambe Bay Primary Care Collaborative (MBPCC) has continued to support practices in a variety of ways including acting as employer for some of the additional staff recruited through the PCN ARRS process.

#### **Management of GMS / PMS / APMS Contracts**

- 3.5 Since the last report, the following items have been confirmed:
- The merge of clinical databases for Peninsula Medical Practice and Nutwood Medical Practice took place in October 20220 following approval for the two practices to merge. The new merged practice continues to be known as Nutwood Medical Practice.

The number of primary medical contracts held in the Morecambe Bay CCG area is, therefore, 32.

- 3.6 Other contractual changes are included in the report from NHS England / Improvement which is presented as a separate agenda item.

#### **4. RECOMMENDATION**

- 4.1 The Committee is asked to note the contents of this report.

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