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Summary of Report:	The report is to provide an update to the Committee in respect of the provision of primary medical services to patients registered at the surgery in Askam-in-Furness.		
Recommendation(s):	Members are asked to note the contents of the report.		
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MORECAMBE BAY CCG PRIMARY CARE COMMISSIONING COMMITTEE

**GENERAL MEDICAL SERVICES CONTRACT
DR P JAIN, ASKAM IN FURNESS
(A82621)**

1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 Dr Jain was suspended from the Medical Performers List in August 2019 and consequently was unable to personally provide services to patients registered at the practice in Askam in Furness. The initial period of suspension was for six months, ie until mid-February 2020. The Primary Care Commissioning Committee has been provided with information relating to the on-going provision of primary medical services to the patients registered at Askam in Furness.
- 1.2 During the period of suspension, Dr Jain remains responsible for the delivery of services to patients in accordance with the General Medical Services (GMS) contract. Consequently, Dr Jain has sourced Locum GPs to work at the practice to ensure continuity of services to patients. To date, the CCG has dealt separately with any specific lack of provision.
- 1.3 The purpose of this report is to provide an update to the Committee on the current situation.

2. CURRENT SITUATION

- 2.1 As has been said, Dr Jain has arranged for Locum GPs to work at the practice. From August to November 2019, this resulted in a number of GPs working at the practice; some cover was provided by local GPs whilst at other times Dr Jain employed a Locum GP through a specialist agency. At a meeting between Dr Jain and Kate Hudson, Head of Primary Care, on 25 November 2019 Dr Jain confirmed that his intention was to employ a Locum GP through a specialist agency going forward and Dr Jain confirmed the name of the Locum GP booked to work until Christmas 2019.
- 2.2 On 18 December, Dr Jain confirmed the name of the Locum GP booked to work at the practice from 27 December for a period of one month.
- 2.3 However, on 31 December, Dr Jain informed the CCG that the Locum had cancelled at short notice which meant that Dr Jain had needed to make alternative arrangements for 27, 30 and 31 December which he was successful in doing through local GP practices. As alternative provision was arranged, the terms of the GMS contract were not breached.

- 2.4 However, Dr Jain also confirmed (on 31 December) that he wished to resign from the GMS contract with effect from 01 January 2020. A message was sent to Dr Jain on 31 December from the primary care team confirming that a notice period was required and that, consequently, he would remain responsible for the provision of services until a termination date had been agreed by the CCG.
- 2.5 This message was reiterated by Kate Hudson on 01 January 2020 both verbally and by email to Dr Jain. Dr Jain confirmed that his intention had been for the period of notice to commence on 01 January and that he would provide the full 12 week notice period. Dr Jain was asked to confirm, in writing, his intention to resign from the GMS contract and a formal signed letter was received by the CCG on 06 January 2020 confirming this intention. The effective date given by Dr Jain for his resignation is 31 March 2020.
- 2.6 Dr Jain had also been reminded that resignation from the contract did not automatically result in his resignation from the National Performers List and that as this was managed through NHS England, the CCG would notify colleagues within the relevant team of his intention. Kate Hudson consequently contacted NHS England on 01 January to confirm that Dr Jain intended to resign from the GMS contract.

3. NEXT STEPS

- 3.1 NHS Morecambe Bay CCG will need to produce a Health Needs Assessment in relation to the patient group at Askam in Furness. It is intended that the Health Needs Assessment will be finalised by the end of January 2020 and presented to the Committee. This document will provide information which will assist with the Committee's decision making process in determining the most appropriate way of providing primary medical services to the patient population from April 2020 onwards.
- 3.2 A key part of this process will be understanding patients' comments and concerns regarding the future provision of services and, consequently, a patient engagement strategy will need to be drawn-up. To date, no formal communication has been sent to patients and other stakeholders; NHS England has been informed of Dr Jain's resignation and has been asked to provide assistance to the CCG in this respect. It should be noted, however, that as NHS England holds the patient list details and not the CCG, any formal communication to patients on an individual basis would need to be made through NHS England.
- 3.3 The Committee is asked to note the contents of this report. The Health Needs Assessment will be presented to the Committee in early February 2020 together with a paper setting out the options for the future provision of services.

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