


<p style="text-align: center;">London Borough of Hammersmith & Fulham</p> <p style="text-align: center;">HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD</p> <p style="text-align: center;">08 February 2017</p>	
<p style="text-align: center;">DELEGATED PRIMARY CARE COMMISSIONING</p>	
<p style="text-align: center;">Report of the Managing Director, Hammersmith and Fulham CCG</p>	
<p>Open Report</p>	
<p>Classification - For information Key Decision: No</p>	
<p>Wards Affected: All</p>	
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1. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- 1.1 This report provides an update to the Health and Wellbeing Board on primary care delegation. Members of the Health and Wellbeing Board are asked to note the paper.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1. That the Health and Wellbeing Board note, a further report will be presented on the outcome of the membership vote at the next meeting of the Board; and
- 2.2. That the Health and Wellbeing Board note the report.

3. REASONS FOR DECISION

- 3.1. Primary care co-commissioning is one of a series of changes set out in the NHS Five Year Forward View. It gives Clinical Commissioning Groups (CCGs) an opportunity to take on greater responsibility for general practice

commissioning. It was introduced to support the development of integrated out-of-hospital services, based around the needs of local people.

4. CONTEXT

- 4.1. In April 2015 Hammersmith and Fulham Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) entered into a primary care co-commissioning arrangement with NHS England following approval by the CCG membership. This level 2 commissioning arrangement meant that, although NHS England retained all responsibility for their existing primary care commissioning, they would discharge them in conjunction with the CCG. A dedicated co-commissioning committee was established as a formal committee of the CCG Governing Body. At the time of establishment membership included a local authority representative.
- 4.2. The overall direction of travel nationally for primary care commissioning has been for NHS England to delegate the majority of their current primary care responsibilities to Clinical Commissioning Groups. Across the country a number of CCGs have taken on delegation with numbers anticipated to increase further from April 2017.

5. HAMMERSMITH AND FULHAM POSITION

- 5.1. In November 2016 the CCG Governing Body discussed the planning that had been taking place to consider whether the CCGs would make an application to NHS England for primary care delegation from April 2017. The original timetable for the CCGs had been to apply for delegation as from April 2018. The Governing Body was advised that the eight NW London CCGs were actively exploring a move to full delegation of Primary Care medical services commissioning from 1 April 2017. This would mean each CCG assuming full responsibility for commissioning Primary Care medical services in response to the needs and circumstance of our registered populations.
- 5.2. On 5 December 2016 the NWL CCGs submitted applications to NHS England to take on primary care delegation from 1 April 2017. The applications contained a number of caveats based on feedback from CCG memberships, including the right to withdraw the applications should CCG memberships vote against the proposal in February 2017.
- 5.3. Within Hammersmith and Fulham a number of engagement activities have taken place with the CCG membership. This was initially to seek their views on whether an application should be made to NHS England and more recently to discuss the issues associated with taking on delegation from NHS England in order that they have all relevant information to enable them to take an informed decision when the proposal is put to a membership vote in February. Engagement has taken place through membership meetings, network meetings and, where requested, one to one meetings with practices. Two stakeholder events have been run in order to discuss primary care delegation with GPs, patients and other interested.

- 5.4. Within Hammersmith and Fulham the membership will be asked to vote on the proposal for the CCG to assume responsibility for commissioning primary care medical services from 1 April 2017, under fully delegated (level 3) arrangements from NHS England. Voting will take place between 1-14 February.
- 5.5. If CCG members vote in favour of delegation, Hammersmith and Fulham, in line with the other NW London CCGs will adopt a common borough based (and where appropriate, shared) model of decision making and operational delivery, that will allow for greater responsiveness to local commissioning needs.
- 5.6. Additionally, it is proposed that a common approach will be adopted across NW London footprint where it:
- Supports delivery of the NW London Sustainability and Transformation Plan (STP), and in particular the Local Services strategy developed for our sector of London;
 - Allows the CCGs to drive efficiency, best value, and consistency in our locally-driven commissioning approach and processes, and in the outcomes derived across NW London; and
 - Secures the most efficient and effective governance processes for Primary Care commissioning.

6. BACKGROUND PAPERS USED IN PREPARING THIS REPORT

- 6.1 None.