

**Item: 7.4**

**Report to:** Primary Care Commissioning Committee

**Date of Meeting:** 15<sup>th</sup> December 2017

**Subject:** Physician Associate Roles in Primary Care

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**STATUS OF THE REPORT:**

To approve

To endorse

To ratify

To discuss

To consider

For information

To note

**PURPOSE OF REPORT:**

The purpose of this report is to provide an update on the local position in relation to Physician Associate (PA) training and employment opportunities in the region and to set out potential options for CCG financial support for the employment and development of PA roles in primary care.

**RECOMMENDATIONS:**

It is recommended that the Primary Care Commissioning Committee:

1. Consider the contents of the report;
2. Consider whether CCG primary care development resources should be allocated to support the employment and development of PA roles in primary care.

**REPORT EXEMPT FROM PUBLIC DISCLOSURE**No  Yes If yes, grounds for exemption  
(FOIA or DPA section reference)

<b>CCG STRATEGIC OBJECTIVE</b> (See guidance notes below)	<b>ASSURANCE FRAMEWORK SPECIFIC OBJECTIVE</b> (See guidance notes below)
The report links with 21st Century Primary Care and to ensure that patients receive clinically commissioned, high quality services.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 21st Century Primary Care</li> <li>• Patients receive clinically commissioned, high quality services</li> </ul>

**IMPLICATIONS:** (summary of key implications, including risks, associated with the paper),

Finance	Primary care development resources will need to be identified if a decision is made to support the employment and development of PA roles in primary care.
HR	None
Quality	None
Safety	None

**ENGAGEMENT:** (Explain what engagement has taken place e.g. Partners, patients and the public prior to presenting the paper and the outcome of this)

The potential role of Physician Associates was discussed at the CCG Council of Members in March 2017.

**LEGAL ISSUES:** (Summarise key legal issues / legislation relevant to the report)

None.

**EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY ISSUES:** (summary of impact, if any, of CCG's duty to promote equality and diversity based on Equality Impact Analysis (EIA). **All** reports relating to new services, changes to existing services or CCG strategies / policies **must** have a valid EIA and will not be received by the Committee if this is not appended to the report)

	<b>Tick relevant box</b>
An Equality Impact Analysis/Assessment is not required for this report.	√
An Equality Impact Analysis/Assessment has been completed and approved by the lead Director for Equality and Diversity. As a result of performing the analysis/assessment there are no actions arising from the analysis/assessment.	
An Equality Impact Analysis/Assessment has been completed and there are actions arising from the analysis/assessment and these are included in section xx in the enclosed report.	

**THE NHS CONSTITUTION:** (How the report supports the NHS Constitution)

The report supports the delivery of the NHS Constitution as the commissioning of primary care services will aid in the delivery of the following principles, rights and NHS pledges:

- 1) The NHS aspires to the highest standards of excellence and professionalism
- 2) NHS works across organisational boundaries and in partnership with other organisations in the interests of patients
- 3) Quality of care