

Item: 8.3

Report to: Primary Care Commissioning Committee

Date of Meeting: 25 October 2019

Subject: Minor Surgery – Commissioning Intentions

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STATUS OF THE REPORT:

To approve	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	To endorse	<input type="checkbox"/>
To ratify	<input type="checkbox"/>	To discuss	<input type="checkbox"/>
To consider	<input type="checkbox"/>	For information	<input type="checkbox"/>
To note	<input type="checkbox"/>		

PURPOSE OF REPORT:

The purpose of this report is to present a proposed way forward for commissioning of the Minor Surgery services in the light of the development of Primary Care Networks and the Network DES.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

It is recommended that the Primary Care Commissioning Committee:

- a. Note the extension of current minor surgery provision until March 2020.
- b. Approve allowing the accredited GPs to continue to deliver minor surgery as there are no change in procedures, no expansion on scope. (Specification remains the same).
- c. Approve the CCG to request the Primary Care Networks to confirm intentions to deliver minor surgery services from April 2020 and to confirm accreditations status of GPs who will undertake minor surgery.
- d. Approve the accredited GPs be assessed for any changes which may affect their skills.

e. Approve the resource flow will be to the PCN nominated payee practice and it would then be for the PCN to determine how monies flow to individual practices delivering the service.

REPORT EXEMPT FROM PUBLIC DISCLOSURE

No Yes

If yes, grounds for exemption

CCG STRATEGIC OBJECTIVE (See guidance notes below)

Integrated Delivery

This report supports the CCG objective of Integrated Delivery through the development of primary care medical services at scale.

IMPLICATIONS:

Finance	Within CCG primary care budgets
HR	None
Quality	The current provision ensures quality of the services provided.
Safety	The current provision supports patient safety.

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

None

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)

	Tick relevant box
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)

This report supports 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
- 4) You have the right to expect NHS organisations to monitor, and make efforts to improve, the quality of healthcare they commission or provide.

MINOR SURGERY - COMMISSIONING INTENTIONS

1 INTRODUCTION

The purpose of this report is to present a proposed way forward for commissioning of the Minor Surgery services in the light of the development of Primary Care Networks and the Network DES.

2 BACKGROUND

NHS Hull CCG worked collaboratively with NHS England to develop a service review and a service specification for minor surgery delivered in primary care (approved by the Planning & Commissioning Committee in July 2015) including GP accreditation requirements, clarity on procedures and the IFR approval process.

All practices in Hull were invited to express an interest in providing minor surgery in line with the new specification and to undertake accreditation to provide minor surgery services both for their own patients and also for patients registered with other practices. From this, 11 GPs were accredited.

The CCG commissions with NHS England minor surgery services from practices, through an NHS Standard Contract. The current contracts are due to expire at the end of March 2020. Since the new service specification was implemented the quality of the procedures carried out has improved and the Pathology laboratory has not reported any removals of skin cancer by Hull GPs.

3 INFORMATION

The Primary Care Commissioning Committee considered both the Extended Primary Care Medical Services and Minor Surgery in February 2019. It was agreed to extend the current arrangements for minor surgery until 30 September 2019. A discussion took place outside of the Committee to agree to extend the current arrangements further until 31 March 2020. All practices providing minor surgery were made aware of the minor surgery contract extension and were willing to continue providing a service.

Minor surgery services are currently provided by 10 practices within the CCG. Each of the 5 former practice groupings had at least 1 practice delivering minor surgery, of which 7 also provide minor surgery to patients registered at other practices. At the October 2018 Primary Care Commissioning Committee it had been agreed in principle to commission minor surgery at scale in future from the former practice groupings from April 2019.

The publication of the NHS Long Term Plan in early 2019 introduced Primary Care Networks (PCNs) and the Network DES. The Network DES provides a vehicle to commission minor surgery at scale from PCNs through the category of Supplementary Network Services whereby CCGs and PCNs may develop local schemes, and add

these as an agreed supplement to the Network Contract, supported by additional local resources.

It is proposed to commission minor surgery from PCNs from April 2020, using the existing specification, with each PCN being invited to confirm intentions to continue to provide minor surgery and confirm compliance of practitioners/practices delivering the service with the requirements of the service specification. Resource flow will be to the PCN nominated payee with subsequent resource allocation to individual practices managed by the PCN.

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