

**Item: 8.5**

**Report to:** Primary Care Commissioning Committee

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**Subject:** Extended Primary Care Medical Services

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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"/>
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**PURPOSE OF REPORT:**

The purpose of this paper is to present the updated service specification, current recommended tariffs and preferred option for contracting the following Extended Primary Care Medical Service to the Primary Commissioning Committee for approval:

- Minor Surgery in Primary Care

**RECOMMENDATIONS:**

It is recommended that the Primary Care Commissioning Committee;

- a) approve the continuation of the NHSE Minor Surgery service under the current terms and conditions for an agreed period.
- b) approve the CCG to request the Primary Care Networks to confirm intentions to deliver minor surgery services from April 2021

**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 extended primary care medical services at scale.

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

Finance	The finance implications associated with these services is detailed within the paper.
HR	None
Quality	Improved equity of services due to contracting at PCN level. Further quality aspects are identified within the individual service specifications.
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)*

A project group was established to review the service specification comprising of representation from:

- Commissioning
- Contracting
- Finance
- Quality
- GP Board Members
- LMC
- Medicines Optimisation Team

The Primary Care Commissioning Committee held on the 25<sup>th</sup> October 2019 supported;

- a. The extension of current minor surgery provision until March 2020.
- b. Approved allowing the accredited GPs to continue to deliver minor surgery as there was no change in procedures, no expansion on scope.
- c. Approved 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. Approved the accredited GPs be assessed for any changes which may affect their skills.
- e. Approved 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.

**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 7 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.

## **EXTENDED PRIMARY CARE MEDICAL SERVICES**

### **1. 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 were 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.

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.

The NHS Long Term Plan sets out the development of Primary Care Networks and specifically the development of a Network DES from July 2019 as set out in agenda item 7.3. The Network DES provides the vehicle to commission Extended Primary Care Medical Services and Minor Surgery at scale from Primary Care Networks through the category of Supplementary Network Services whereby CCGs and Primary Care Networks may develop local schemes and add these as an agreed supplement to the Network Contract, supported by additional local resources.

It was proposed to utilise the Network DES for Extended Primary Care Medical Services and Minor Surgery. In order to do this it was necessary to extend the current Extended Primary Care Medical Services contracts with practices by 12 months from April 2019 to enable the incorporation of these services in the Network DES's during 2019/20; and to extend the current Minor Surgery contracts with practices by 6 months from April 2019 to enable the incorporation of Minor Surgery services in the Network DES's from July 2020.

### **Financial Summary – Years 1-5**

<b>Service Element</b>	<b>Activity</b>	<b>Total Spend (Yr 1-Yr5)</b>
Aspirations	24	£1,044.96
Cautery for Nose Bleeds	23	£2,002.84
Excisions	199	£17,328.92
Face to Face appointments (assessment only)	237	£5,451.00
Injection	1656	£72,102.24
<b>Total</b>	<b>2139</b>	<b>£97,929.96</b>

The practice will enter the number of patients for whom the service has been provided onto the NHS England Proforma provided and submit to [england.primarycare@nhs.net](mailto:england.primarycare@nhs.net) at the end of each month, broken down by numbers of:

- intra and peri-articular injections and aspirations
- invasive procedures, including incisions, excisions, and drainage.

Payments will be made at the end of each month according to the figures submitted.

## **2. CURRENT ASSOCIATED TARIIFS (Recurrent Funding)**

### **3.1 Primary Care Activity**

• Face to Face appointment (assessment only)	£23.00
• Injections and aspirations	£43.54
• Invasive procedures/ cutting	£87.08

The tariffs and reporting mechanisms are already in place to support this service.

## **3. COMMISSIONING AT PRIMARY CARE NETWORK LEVEL**

At the 28th of August 2020 committee members approved to delay the commissioning of Extended Primary Care Medical Services at PCN level until the 1st April 2021 and therefore, practices are individually commissioned to provide the current EPCMS. The intention is to move to Primary Care Network commissioning for Extended Primary Care Medical Services in line with supporting networks to develop as stakeholders of the population of Hull in terms of reporting activity and outcomes, receiving and administering payments to their practices.

## **4. RECOMMENDATIONS**

It is recommended that the Primary Care Commissioning Committee;

- a) approve the continuation of service delivery under the revised specification for the period specified.
- b) approve the continuation of associated recommended tariffs.