

Item: 8.5

Report to:	Primary Care Commissioning Committee
Date of Meeting:	Friday 25 th February 2022
Subject:	Repeat Contraception - Sexual Health 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	For information	<input type="checkbox"/>
To note	<input type="checkbox"/>		

<p>PURPOSE OF REPORT:</p> <p>The purpose of this paper is to request Primary Commissioning Committee consider the request from CHCP to provide payment for the prescribing of repeat contraception for the vulnerable group of patients still accessing the service. This follows the decision the committee made in April 2021 to cease the additional payments as patients were to be redirected to their GP for the repeats.</p> <p>RECOMMENDATIONS:</p> <p>It is recommended that the Primary Care Commissioning Committee;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Note the contents of the report. b) Consider the request from CHCP for an additional payment of £9,758 per annum for repeat contraception or: c) Request the LA seek approval to provide this funding and the CCG no longer support the additional service.
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REPORT EXEMPT FROM PUBLIC DISCLOSURENo Yes

If yes, grounds for exemption

CCG STRATEGIC OBJECTIVE *(See guidance notes below)*

Sexual and Reproductive Health services is intended to support the following CCG objectives:

- Reduce public sector demand and variation whilst promoting access based on need and meeting NHS Constitution and statutory requirements.
- Ensure that patient and public views contribute to the integrated commissioning process

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

Finance	The finance implications associated with these services is detailed within the paper.
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HR	None
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Quality	Improved access to services via GP Practices.
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Safety	The consultation outcome will be shared with the GP Practice ensuring patients receive a safe service.
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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 group was established to review the best way forward comprising of representation from:

- CCG - Commissioning
- CCG - Contracting
- CCG - Quality
- CCG - Communications and Engagement
- Public Health – Head of Vulnerable Services
- CHCP – Service Lead

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 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.

SEXUAL HEALTH SERVICES – REPEAT CONTRACEPTION

1. BACKGROUND

Hull City Council Public Health Service are responsible for commissioning a range of sexual health services for the population of Hull, including repeat prescriptions. The service was commissioned in 2019, CHCP were awarded the contract. The contract no longer included the payment for repeat prescriptions for contraception. It had been agreed with CCG and CHCP Directors of Finance that the CCG would cover the costs incurred by CHCP for a short period of time. This equated to around £25,000 per quarter by NHS Hull CCG, which ensured that the service did not prematurely end without a viable long term way forward.

A solution was then sought and it was deemed that as the GMS contract for GP Practices includes the prescribing of repeat contraception and the monitoring of the health of the patient who is prescribed such medications that the sexual health service needed to sign post the patient to their GPs.

Since July 2021 the service has been directing patients to their GP for their repeat contraception prescriptions. This has proved to be a success as after a few initial queries from GP practices, we are not aware of any issues with the agreed process.

CHCP have as agreed continued to provide repeats for the vulnerable groups ie MESMAC, PAUSE or School Health. They have advised they are providing these for an average of 35 patients per month and have requested payment of £9,758 per annum.

The CCG and the LA have met with the Service Lead and CHCP Contracts and Finance Leads to monitor the situation in October 2021 and February 2022.

There is also a new service provided by Community Pharmacists which NHS England are piloting in various CCG areas including Hull and North East Lincs. In Hull we have 14 Community Pharmacies signed up and ready to provide Oral contraception, with more to come on board shortly. This has given choice to patients in the area. The CCG are working with the LPC and NHS England to promote this service with GP practices and the public.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that the Primary Care Commissioning Committee;

- a) Note the contents of the report.
- b) Consider the request from CHCP for an additional payment of £9,758 per annum for repeat contraception or:
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