

Oxfordshire Joint Health and Overview Scrutiny Committee

Date of Meeting: 7 February 2019

Title of Paper: Oxfordshire Clinical Commissioning Group: Key & Current Issues

Purpose: The following paper aims to provide the Oxfordshire Joint Health and Overview Scrutiny Committee with an update on:

- GP practice procurement decision tree
- Cogges Surgery
- NHS Long Term Plan
- Vasectomy survey

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Oxfordshire Clinical Commissioning Group: Key & Current Issues

1. GP practice procurement decision tree

The challenge of not having a national guide for making decisions when an existing practice contract ends or when significant population growth is planned was discussed at HOSC and all agreed a local process should be explored.

Two workshops have taken place to develop a process for Oxfordshire and Buckinghamshire to guide the CCGs' decision-making. The aim was to co-produce a decision-tree using various scenarios and possible options to guide the work.

Participants included:

- Members from Oxfordshire HOSC and Buckinghamshire HASC
- Representative for Witney Town Council
- Patient representatives
- Patient member of Oxfordshire Primary Care Commissioning Committee
- Local Medical Committee
- NHS England
- Oxfordshire CCG and Buckinghamshire CCG
- Healthwatch

At the first workshop the various options available to the CCG were considered and scenarios were then discussed in small table groups with the intention of identifying the questions needing to be asked and the possible ordering to create a decision tree.

The output of these discussions was taken away and used to create a draft decision tree. A further workshop was organised to review this draft and to test the scenarios. Several changes were made to refine the decision tree. The complexity of the task was acknowledged and it was agreed that the decision tree would be re-drawn to incorporate the necessary changes.

The draft decision tree produced through this work will be shared with the Oxfordshire Primary Care Commissioning Committee and the Oxfordshire HOSC members. Owing to the size of the poster, it is not practical to share via email or via the website. It will be displayed at the meetings and feedback is welcome. The decision tree will then be professionally designed so it is in a more practical format. It will then be published by OCCG. It will also be shared with NHS England and neighbouring CCGs to support others when needing to make decisions relating to GP practices.

2. Cogges Surgery

HOSC members will be aware that the GP partners at Cogges Surgery in Witney gave six months' notice to hand back the contract they held for providing GP services to around 7,700 people in the town and some surrounding villages.

Increasing workload demands and challenges in maintaining high quality services, along with uncertainty faced by smaller practices, had all contributed to a failure to recruit new GP partners to the practice.

The CCG received notice in July 2018 and immediately briefed key stakeholders that our main aim was to ensure the sustainable provision of quality primary care service to the patients registered with the practice.

A clear and transparent process for finding a new Provider was established, using the CCG's relatively new Collaborative Commissioning Framework, which actively encourages local services integration. We had good engagement from stakeholders and local GPs as well as the local PPG Groups.

Towards the end of the process set up by OCCG to find a new provider, Cogges Surgery requested to cancel their notice. The Surgery was asked to submit an application in a similar way to other applicants, in order to demonstrate that it had long term solutions to challenges such as staffing and sustainable quality. The application was assessed by the same Stakeholder & CCG panel that undertook the first round assessment. It was important that the CCG completed the process of assessment to ensure we were confident that the arrangements being put in place at the practice would deliver sustainable services of a quality that would be expected.

We are delighted to say that the Stakeholder and CCG Panel agreed the information provided by the Cogges Partners demonstrated resilience and as a result the practice team will continue to run services from Cogges Surgery. This decision has been widely supported by the neighbouring practices in West Oxfordshire.

We appreciate this has been an unsettling time for patients registered at the practice and have written to them to confirm they can remain registered with the practice and continue to benefit from the services provided there.

3. NHS Long Term Plan – a summary

NHS England has published details of its [Long Term Plan](#), following the Prime Minister's announcement last summer to commit an extra £20.5 billion for the NHS in England by 2023/4.

The plan aims to ensure the NHS is fit for the future, providing high quality care and better health outcomes for our patients and their families, through every stage of life.

The NHS Long Term Plan will:

- ensure local NHS organisations increasingly focus on population health and local partnerships with local authority-funded services, through new Integrated Care Systems (ICSs) everywhere
- boost ‘out-of-hospital’ care, and finally dissolve the historic divide between primary and community health services
- redesign and reduce pressure on emergency hospital services
- give people more control over their own health, and more personalised care when they need it
- ensure digitally-enabled primary and outpatient care will go mainstream across the NHS.

Central to the realisation of all of these ambitions will be the need for us to continue the work we have already started whereby whole health and care systems come together to plan and deliver real improvements for patients in crucial areas like mental health, cancer and stroke care, and more support for our increasing older population.

As a system in Oxfordshire we will be working together over the coming months to determine what the NHS Long Term Plan will mean for people in Oxfordshire, building on progress we have already made together, and in partnership with those who know the NHS best – patients, our staff and the public.

4. Vasectomy Survey

We have previously updated HOSC of the issues relating to the Oxfordshire Vasectomy Service including OCCG considering decommissioning of the service except where there are exceptional circumstances. A survey is currently being undertaken and is available on the CCG’s [website](#). The survey asks for the public’s views about stopping the service or introducing criteria on the number of men who can get the surgical contraceptive procedure. People who take part in the survey will remain anonymous.

The survey will run for six weeks and will be advertised through GP practices, sexual health clinics, CCG newsletter, social media and the media. The CCG will also do outreach engagement to those groups identified as being impacted by a change in the service.