

**WOLVERHAMPTON CLINICAL COMMISSIONING
GROUP COMMISSIONING COMMITTEE**

Minutes of the Commissioning Committee Meeting held on Thursday 28th February 2019
commencing at 1.00 pm in the CCG Meeting Room 1, Wolverhampton Science Park

MEMBERS ~

Clinical ~

Present

Dr M Kainth (Chair)	Lead for Commissioning & Contracting	Yes
Dr Gulati	Deputy Lead for Commissioning & Contracting	Yes

Patient Representatives ~

Malcolm Reynolds	Patient Representative	Yes
Cyril Randles	Patient Representative	Yes

Management ~

Steven Marshall	Director of Strategy & Transformation	Yes
Tony Gallagher	Chief Finance Officer	Yes
Sally Roberts	Chief Nurse & Director of Quality	Yes
Sarah Smith	Head of Commissioning - WCC	Yes

In Attendance ~

Alison Lake	Administrative Officer	Yes
Vic Middlemiss	Head of Contracting & Procurement	Yes (Part)
Sarah Fellows	Mental Health Commissioning Manager	Yes (Part)
Susan Eagle	Local Council Commissioner	Yes (Part)
Sharon Nisbet	Deputy Head of Medicines Optimisation	Yes (Part)
Claire Morrissey	Solution and Development Manager	Yes (Part)
Philip Strickland	Governance & Risk Coordinator	Yes (Part)

Apologies for absence

None

Declarations of Interest

CCM775 None.

Minutes

CCM776 The minutes of the last Committee meeting, which took place on 31st January 2019 were agreed as a true and accurate record.

RESOLVED: That the above is noted.

Matters Arising

CCM777 None

Committee Action Points

CCM778 None to review.

Contracting Update

CCM779 The Committee was presented with a report update for the period February 2019.

Royal Wolverhampton NHS Trust

Contract Performance (activity and Performance)

The current acute performance shows that the Trust continues to perform below the required contract standards and continues to be an ongoing challenge.

Commissioner Queries

Community Phlebotomy – This service continues to over perform, the provider has been challenged but has not be able to deliver a rational. Rheumatology patients referred into RWT Community and may be contributing to the rise in demand. The planning and contracting round will ensure activity is appropriately planned for 19/20.

Performance Targets

Diagnostics - the Trust has not achieved the target since September 2018 but has shown significant improvement in December 2018. An increase in urgent Gastroscopy and Neurophysiology referrals have impacted on this service and led to an adverse effect on routine waiting times.

Referral to Treatment - There has been a significant decline in December 2018 for this service due to patient referrals being deferred to the New Year.

Cancer - Breast referrals have been steadily increasing by a growth of nearly 20% per week Analysis is being undertaken to identify the reasons behind this high

demand to determine if this is a spike or the 'new norm'

Other Contractual Issues

Dermatology

Work continues project to re-procure the Community Dermatology services. The planned February meeting with the Trust has been deferred to the beginning of March 2019. An external Dermatology consultant is being employed to provide a clinical view on the remainder of the service versus transfer

Black Country Partnership Foundation Trust (BCPFT)

Performance/Quality Issues

The CCG is investing additional funding in the IAPT service to ensure delivery of the Access and Recovery targets. The Trust is currently in the process of recruiting additional staff and sourcing training.

WMAS – Non-Emergency Patient Transport Service (NEPTS)

The CCG has received a Contract Extension Proposal from WMAS which requests a significant increase in funding. Further detail is awaited from WMAS to validate their figure. Contact has been made with Birmingham commissioners to compare pricing across the patch. A specific paper will be taken to the private Governing Body meeting in February to provide an update and outline the CCG's options.

Other contracts

AQP Audiology

The contact for this service is due to expire at the end of June 2019 however due to service specification changes being agreed, an extension of 3 months was requested to allow for re-procurement process. The service will continue to be procured collaboratively.

DIEP Flap Breast Reconstruction

UHB Trust has served notice on this service and an alternative provider is currently being sought, a recent benchmarking being undertaken revealed that the price paid for this service is well in excess of the national tariff).

RESOLVED: That the above is noted and approval given for the 3 month extension requested for AQP.

Dementia Strategy

CCM780 The committee was presented with a report on a joint Dementia strategy for Wolverhampton. The collaboration with the Local Authority, Public health and Wolverhampton CCG aims to ensure support to dementia diagnosis, to prevent dementia risk factors and promote community asset-based services. Extensive consultation has taken place with all areas of support to assess patient needs in the development of the strategy.

RESOLVED: The Committee noted the above and approval was given.

Social Prescribing Report

CCM781 The committee was presented with an evaluation report of the pilot scheme launched in 2017. While the non-financial benefits of the service are clear, a request was made that additional research take place to quantify the financial consequences, in particular a reduction in GP demand loads.

RESOLVED: The Committee noted the above, assurance was given and an update due in October 2019

Medicines Optimisation QIPP 2019/20 – Prescribing Incentive Scheme

CCM782 The Committee was presented with a report to approve amendments of the current scheme for continued support to GP practices. The amendments include the potential of payment based on population within the GP practices catchment area and only on achievement of the scheme.

RESOLVED: The Committee noted the above and approval was given

Health Ageing Co-Ordinator

CCM783 The committee was presented with a report to agree a scheme for patients with frailty. The coordinator will assess the level of the patients by undertaking a health ageing check using an assessment tool and identify the best support to improve their independent living standards and improvement for patient outcomes.

RESOLVED: The Committee noted the above, assurance and approval was given with a request of 6 monthly review to be brought to the committee in October 2019.

Review of Risks

CCM784 The committee was updated on the current risks –

Corporate level risks – are currently undergoing review.

Committee level risks:

Two new risks have been added to the register as agreed by the committee -

CC16 – WMAS contract extension proposal

CC15 – AQP Audiology re procurement

CC11 – BCF a meeting will be held in February outcome to be update at the next meeting.

CC14 – Acute Dermatology provision RWT have confirmed community service will be continued until 30 November 2019.

A new risk process will be introduced on a quarterly basis under the task headings of Tolerate or Treat each risk.

RESOLVED: That the above is noted and agree the new process

Any Other Business

CCM785 The Chair gave thanks on behalf of the committee Sarah Smith of the local Council for her input and expertise throughout her commissioning committee participation and wished her well in her new job.
Andrew Wolverson will be attending the meeting from this date forward.

Date, Time and Venue of Next Meeting

Thursday 28th March 2019 at 1pm in the CCG Meeting Room 1