Locality Commissioning Meeting
North East

Date of Meeting: 10.4.19	Paper No: 8a

Title of Paper: Long Acting Contraceptives					

Is this paper for	**Discussion**		**Decision**		**Information**	✓

Purpose of Paper:

Information – this has gone out to practices already from OCC; this is just in case it was missed.

Reference: CPU 1827

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Re: Dynamic Approved Provider List (APL) Agreement for the Provision of Community Primary Care Lot 2: Long Acting Reversible Contraception (LARC)

Dear Colleague

I am contacting you in regard to the recent Contract Variation, Lot 2 (LARC's) of the Dynamic APL Agreement for the Provision of Community Primary Care Services. This was varied from 1st October 2018 to enable the fitting of an intrauterine system (IUS) for the management of menorrhagia or any other non-contraception purpose. The Council are now commissioning this service on behalf of Oxfordshire Clinical Commissioning Group (OCCG).

The variation enables the Council to increase in the amount we can pay GP service providers for fitting an IUS since 1st April 2018 and was enabled in agreement with the LMC. This arrangement is an example of the Oxfordshire system working together in the best interest of the patient. The arrangement aims to uncomplicate the sexual and reproductive health commissioning arrangements, where the Council are responsible for IUS contraception services and OCCG non- contraceptive IUS services for GP providers. Most importantly, the new arrangements allow for the continued offer of full range of contraceptive and reproductive

health services within GP services for patients.

From 1st October 2018 the Council and OCCG have mandated the use of the new Primary Care Commissioning Service (PCCS) template (which includes a new LARC page) to record all LARC fitting activity. This is so both the Council and OCCG can monitor LARC (IUS only) activity by indication of use to enable recharging between the two organisations.

The Council and OCCG have cross referenced Quarter 3 2018/19 IUS fitting data (as reported by the SCSWCSU as part of the monthly data collection) with IUS prescribing data for the same period and there is evidence that not all GP Service Providers are being compliant with using this new mandated LARC template or are continuing to code using the old process. The LARC fitting payment codes changed on 1st October 2018 and using the wrong template may impact your recorded activity (and therefore payment) at the end of the period. **For Quarter 4 2018/19, payments cannot be made by the Council for an IUS fitting unless the indication for fitting is included using the preapproved template.** This is not a situation that we want to occur, our priority is to ensure that reliable recording and reporting of activity can be achieved to ensure that GP practices are remunerated correctly for their services.

If your practice is not using the new LARC page within the PCCS template, please download the latest version (v9) and check all Quarter 4 2018/19 LARC fitting data to date. If required, please re-code correctly before the data is pulled by the SCWCSU in April 2019. This is the only way that we can ensure we can continue to reimburse you for the services provided for this period.

Yours sincerely

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Action Required:

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(JAH note - See paper 8b. This has gone via LMC and through Clinical Ratification Group.

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