

North Oxfordshire Locality Commissioning Meeting

Date of Meeting: 18 December 2018	Item No: 3 iii					
Title of Paper: North locality approach review Dec 2018						
Is this paper for	Discussion	✓	Decision		Information	

Purpose and summary of paper:

This meeting needs to review the current interim partnership arrangements between North Oxfordshire Locality Group (NOLG) and the NOxMed GP federation. The current North locality partnership was agreed on a trial basis to April 2019.

Background to arrangements since April 2018 given overleaf.

Action Required:

Please be prepared to discuss at the North locality partnership meeting on behalf of your organisation:

- i. Partnership approach between NOLG and NOxMed. The group needs to decide by January whether to continue the partnership beyond April 2019 and whether any changes are needed.
- ii. Membership of the partnership - any changes needed?
- iii. Format of meetings: length, chairing, membership, agenda

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Background

NOLG agreed by majority vote on 20 March 2018 to take a partnership approach with NOxMed to future locality leadership and meetings.

- Dr Shelley Hayles became interim Locality Clinical Director
- Dr Neil Fisher became interim Deputy Locality Clinical Director as NOxMed nominee.

From April 2018 the following partnership arrangements have been in place:

- monthly meetings jointly within the 2 hour NOLG timeslot replacing previous NOLG and NOxMed meetings
- NOxMed business items have been identified separately in agendas
- Attendance has been very similar to the previous NOLG meetings, but role of federation / PML staff has been clearer. NOxMed meetings previously had fewer GPs, more practice managers and more PML staff than the NOLG meetings.
- The locality leadership have aimed to focus on deliverable local projects closely involving the federation including:
 - Integrated Front Door
 - Community Nursing including monitoring frail elderly at home
 - community gynaecology including coil fitting

At the first partnership meeting in April 2018 there was discussion about the new partnership approach, suggestions for locality projects and actions to take the partnership forward. Notes of that meeting attached at Appendix 1.

Appendix 1

Notes of North locality meeting 17 April 2018 (extract)

Future working and leadership for NOLG and NOxMED - discussion

SH and NF introduced the discussion about a new partnership approach with NOLG/NOxMed working together to achieve outcomes for the local population.

Members wanted from North meetings:

- time to consider big issues and discuss with practice colleagues before decision
- brainstorming approach to get ideas down quickly from the large number of clinicians
- shorter agenda so easier to take messages out
- continued clear “take home” messages
- small group working to progress each project - need to be well led and structured to focus on constructive progress, and take shared responsibility for outcome
- skills audit for group
- focus on local priorities – not just pre-determined by countywide agenda
- ability to hold organisations to account for outcomes – NB first step would be including them in working group discussions
- report back from visiting organisations on how they responded to locality feedback
- ability to get on and pilot initiatives locally and then influence CCG commissioning (note NE locality success with this)
- CCG to provide background research for discussions i.e. data, what’s worked elsewhere

Suggestions for locality projects proposed by members in addition to those listed in the circulated paper:

- Community Nursing including monitoring frail elderly at home
- Better communication between secondary care and primary care including discussing discharge
- Sharing clinical resources between practices such as coil fitting, respiratory nurses (Tier II services ideal for federation work).
- Review current federation services including hubs and visiting service. Change, enhance or align.
- Address specialties with capacity problems e.g. ENT – credible alternative commissioning options may strengthen commissioning hand
- Back-office working together at scale

Actions to take this forward:

- FC to ask practices to indicate priority, skills and interest in the above potential project list including locality plan projects
- FC to share OCCG project list with locality for reference.

- FC to maintain and follow up issue list to ensure feedback from partner organisations.
- SH asked members to read and act on NOLG e-mails as priority. OCCG to aim for clear concise communications
- SH asked reps to bring whole practice views to discussions
- NF and SH to propose future locality workplan based on the response, and bring back discussion on implications for the locality plan.