

West Oxfordshire Locality Commissioning Meeting

Date of Meeting: 9 May 2019 (not circulated)				Item No: -	
Title of Paper: West locality leadership May 2019					
Is this paper for	Discussion		Decision	✓	Information

Purpose and summary of paper:

Proposal to postpone a decision on leadership until after May 2019 when Dr Miles Carter's current term as Locality Clinical Director is due to end.

This is in the context of significant change affecting the locality as a result of primary care network development. The WOLG meeting on 9 May had an initial discussion about the implications of this.

Dr Amar Latif's term as Deputy LCD ends in December 2020.

Action Requested:

GP practice reps to respond to fergus.campbell@nhs.net to state whether they support OCCG's recommendations that the West locality group:

- a) Extends the term of the incumbent Locality Clinical Director (Dr Miles Carter) until November 2019 to allow time for discussion at local and county level about the future role for locality groups.
- b) pragmatically adapts its existing working as needed to best support primary care network development and suitable health services for the local population.

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Dr Miles Carter's second three year term as Locality Clinical Director for the West Oxfordshire locality ends in May 2019. Dr Amar Latif's term as Deputy LCD continues until December 2020. This is a complex time to hold an election for a Locality Clinical Director as:

- a) Locality working will clearly need to adapt in the light of primary care network development along with other elements of the NHS Long Term Plan and growing integration.
- b) However, it is too early for the networks to assess what they might need from a locality and for the locality group to be clear on future requirements.
- c) The future role of localities will need careful discussion at local and countywide level.

It is not possible therefore to confirm what will be required from a Locality Clinical Director for a full three year term.

OCCG recommendations

OCCG's Director of Governance advises that the context of change from factors such as the NHS Long Term Plan, growing integration and primary care network development mean it is not currently possible to confirm a long term future structure and approach for the locality group. Closer collaboration and a local focus are clear elements of all of these factors, and the current approach in WOLG clearly contributes to this by including commissioning voice, GP federation, patient representatives, LMC and district council.

It makes sense in this context to continue with the current locality approach and leadership while working towards appropriate arrangements for future needs.

OCCG recommends that the West locality:

- a) Extends the term of the incumbent Locality Clinical Director (Dr Miles Carter) until November 2019 to allow time for discussion at local and county level about the future role for locality groups.
 - b) pragmatically adapts its existing working as needed to best support primary care network development and suitable health services for the local population.
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