

Agenda Item: 18

Meeting: OCCG Board

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Title of Paper	Member Practice Commissioning Forum meetings – Autumn 2020
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Paper Type	Indicate whether the report presented is for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Information
Action Required	The Board Members are asked to discuss and note the contents of the report.

Executive Summary

Update on the first round of Member Practice Commissioning Forum meetings held in three geographical areas (North, City, South).

Discussions topics at all meetings were:

- Member Practice Commissioning Forums – context, purpose, Terms of Reference
- Commissioning reviews of:
 - Primary Care Visiting Service
 - Social prescribing service (Oxford City)

Member Practice Commissioning Forum meetings – Autumn 2020

Purpose and development of Forums

OCCG has held the first round of new Commissioning Forum meetings for member practices. Practices meet with CCG Clinical Leads and managers to collectively discuss, shape and inform the commissioning decisions of the CCG.

Historically, commissioning items were included in the Locality Group agendas. Locality meetings underwent a review in 2019 as a result of:

1. Feedback from practices
2. Introduction of Primary Care Networks and need for better aligned boundaries.
3. At scale working need and opportunity

Organisation

Practices nominated a clinical representative to attend their local Forum, with areas aligned with District Council boundaries as shown below.

Forum	District(s) covered	CCG clinical lead	First meeting date
South	South Oxfordshire Vale of White Horse	Tbc (Ed Capo-Bianco chaired)	22 October 2020
North	Cherwell West Oxfordshire	Sam Hart	3 November 2020
City	Oxford City	Andy Valentine	5 November 2020

The first round of Forum meetings took place as shown in the table, with 2 further rounds anticipated before the end of March 2021.

Summary of meetings held

All three meetings were held virtually via MS Teams and chaired by an OCCG clinical director leading for the area. There was good attendance and constructive discussion at each meeting both verbal and via written responses in the meeting Chat facility. The common agenda included two principal discussion items:

1. Member Practice Commissioning Forums – context, purpose, Terms of Reference

In summary, the three forum meetings did not express concerns about the proposed approach and Terms of Reference for the group. Members welcomed clarification about the roles of other key primary care groups involved in engagement and discussion locally. These included the new All Primary Care Providers meetings, LMC and PCN) Clinical Directors.

2. Commissioning reviews of:

a) Primary Care Visiting Service

b) Social prescribing service (Oxford City)

Discussions summarised in the table below.

Forum	Primary Care Visiting Service	Social Prescribing (City)
South	<p>3 differing models in place across the area which practice members valued and wished to see continue.</p> <p>Discussion of issues including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Potential for overlap with PCN paramedic role • possible ongoing assessment of frail patients in home environment 	<p>Queries about commissioning decisions leading to existing service configuration, and costing of City service contract.</p> <p>Suggest focus areas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Social isolation • Group work • transport
North	<p>Strong support for current service and its value in supporting practice capacity. Discussion included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • concern about capacity especially later in the day • differing scope (eg flu vaccination) and costs across the county – support for vaccination and planned activities welcome • risk of any extra functions being at the cost of capacity • cost variation across the county 	<p>Varying views reported about the role and impact of social prescribing teams</p> <p>Feeling that social prescribing resource best deployed at PCN level. Practices prefer services which feedback.</p> <p>Suggest future focus includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lower-level mental health issues esp. in young people • Rural communities with fewer local activities and services
City	<p>Quality of current service and its clinicians appreciated. Issues for future commissioning:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Competition with PCN paramedic roles • Greater integration with practice teams • Range of roles in visiting team • Potential to contribute to proactive care of housebound 	<p>Some practices fed back a greatly valued contribution of the current service to multi-disciplinary patient care. Varying reports of primary care utilisation and integration of the service across the city.</p> <p>Suggested areas for future focus included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • young people • vulnerable people and those from seldom heard groups • proactive outreach • group consultations

Anticipated that the next step will be commissioning decisions by Oxfordshire Primary Care Commissioning Committee in December 2020. Views from all the Forum meetings will be taken into account along with other stakeholder engagement.