



OXFORDSHIRE PRIMARY CARE COMMISSIONING COMMITTEE

Date of Meeting: 6 November 2018	Paper No: 3
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Title of Paper: Significant Changes to GMS Contracts in Oxfordshire – South Oxford Health Centre and Cogges Surgery

Paper is for: <small>(please delete tick as appropriate)</small>	Discussion		Decision		Information	✓
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Conflicts of Interest <small>(please delete tick as appropriate)</small>	
No conflict identified	✓
Conflict noted: conflicted party can participate in discussion and decision	
Conflict noted, conflicted party can participate in discussion but not decision	
Conflict noted, conflicted party can remain but not participate in discussion	
Conflicted party is excluded from discussion	

Purpose and Executive Summary:

Engagement: clinical, stakeholder and public/patient:
 South Oxford Health Centre has discussed the contractual change with their Patient Participation Group on 3 September. The PPG and councillors present welcomed the option for SOHC to work with the Federation and keep the practice open to provide local service to local patients. Further engagement will take place as the process progresses.

Cogges Surgery - Engagement with stakeholders remains ongoing, with updates provided following the request by the partners at Cogges to rescind their notice of termination and the subsequent decision by the CCG to permit Cogges Surgery partners to complete the 'light touch' procurement process.

Regular updates are being provided on the CCG website which has a page dedicated to Cogges Surgery. See <http://bit.ly/cogges-updates>

Financial Implications of Paper:
 Additional funds may be required to support the transition from old to new provider

Action Required:

OPCCC are asked to

- 1) Note the process adopted to secure a sustainable future for South Oxford Health Centre
- 2) Note the process to include Cogges Surgery in the 'light touch' procurement process and consequently extend the previously agreed timeline
- 3) Delegate the decision making process for the preferred provider for Cogges Surgery to the Chair of OPCCC and Chief Executive Officer in order to ensure expediency of decision making.

OCCG Priorities Supported (please delete tick as appropriate)

✓	Operational Delivery
✓	Transforming Health and Care
	Devolution and Integration
✓	Empowering Patients
✓	Engaging Communities
✓	System Leadership

Equality Analysis Outcome:

This will be undertaken when considering each step of the process and its likely outcomes

Link to Risk:

AF26 – Delivery of Primary Care Services

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Significant Changes to GMS Contracts in Oxfordshire – South Oxford Health Centre and Cogges Surgery

Background

This paper aims to provide an update on the process undertaken to achieve a sustainable primary care service for both South Oxford Health Centre and Cogges Surgery.

South Oxford Health Centre

South Oxford Health Centre is a small city practice with approx. 4,460 patients. One of the two partner GPs retired at the end of September, which increased its vulnerability with the remaining partner not wanting to remain the sole partner. OxFed and South Oxford Health Centre came to OCCG with a proposal for OxFed to take over the GMS Contract for South Oxford Health Centre.

OxFed went through an assurance process to assure OCCG that OxFed could deliver a safe and quality service to its patients. The assurance panel met on the 30th August, with a further follow up meeting to gain further clarifications from the OxFed directors. The panel consisted of 9 members, including subject matter experts from the CCG and NHS England South (South Central), a non-conflicted GP and a Practice Manager. Following this, the panel were assured that OxFed were able to take on the GMS Contract for South Oxford Health Centre. The CCG has written to OxFed advising of this and asking for confirmation that they are aware that financial investment from OxFed may be needed into the practice, whilst it becomes financially sustainable. OCCG is waiting for confirmation and proposed dates for the transition.

Cogges Surgery

Back in July 2018, the partners at Cogges Surgery gave notice to terminate their contract from 31 January 2019. At the time, OPCCC made the decision in the first instance to explore a local solution which would include an existing Oxfordshire practice providing GMS services from the Cogges site as a branch surgery.

The process and steps needed to achieve a solution for Cogges and the proposed timescales were agreed, with delegation of responsibility to the OPCCOG to oversee and deliver the solution in place.

The process involved asking all Oxfordshire practices for any expressions of interest to run Cogges as a branch. Six practices expressed an interest and as a result the decision was made to follow a 'light touch' procurement process. Questions were selected from a full Intention to Tender (ITT) document and sent to the interested parties.

A Review Panel met on 4 October 2018 to evaluate the two responses that had been submitted. The panel consisted of 12 members, including subject matter experts from the CCG and NHS England South (South Central), and a non conflicted GP, a Practice Manager and two patient representatives. During the Panel Review meeting the panel discussed the applicants' responses and agreed the combined panel score. As a result a preferred provider was to be recommended to provide a branch surgery from the Cogges site and this recommendation was to be agreed at OPCCOG.

Just prior to the OPCCOG meeting, the current partners at Cogges informed the CCG that they would like to cancel their notice of termination and continue to run the contract at Cogges. Legal advice was taken and the CCG was advised that Cogges has no right to withdraw its notice of termination. It was subsequently agreed to permit the Cogges Surgery partners to complete the same process that the other potential Providers had taken including answering a series of questions that seek to assure the CCG on the grounds of sustainability of services and future-proofing the surgery. It addressed the concern that the CCG had previously been informed by Cogges surgery that it was not sustainable. Whilst this process is unusual, the CCG believes it acts in the best interests of the patients because it enables a proper and fair assessment of all potential solutions. Evaluation will be undertaken by the same panel that will then make a recommendation on the preferred provider, based upon the scoring of the responses.

It is the CCG's intention to announce the outcome of this 'light touch' process in early December.

As previously OPCCC are asked to delegate the decision making process to OPCCOG.

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