

Northumberland Primary Care Co-Commissioning Committee

16 December 2015

Agenda Item: 6.1

Delegated commissioning

Sponsor: Julie Ross

Members of the Northumberland Primary Care Co-Commissioning Committee are asked to:

- 1. Consider the terms of reference for the Primary Care Commissioning Committee (PCCC).**
- 2. Agree to replace the next co-commissioning meeting (due February 2016) with a PCCC development session.**

Background

In November 2015, NHS Northumberland CCG (CCG) expressed a formal interest in the delegation of primary care commissioning from NHS England from 1 April 2016. Up until the budgets and responsibility for primary care commissioning are delegated formally by NHS England, the CCG will reserve the right to withdraw from the expression of interest should unforeseen risks to the CCG emerge during that time.

Discussion

The Chief Operating Officer or Chief Clinical Officer attended each locality meeting in November 2015 to discuss the implications of delegated commissioning. Each locality supported the delegation and the CCG subsequently formally submitted the expression of interest. In December 2015, the director of primary care for NHS England's sub regional team covering the North East and Cumbria confirmed the expression of interest had been provisionally accepted with the following timetable to implementation:

- 17 December: NHS England Board meeting will receive a verbal update on committee's approval of CCGs to proceed and will consider ratification.
- Mid December: Delegation agreement finalised.
- End of December: Approval confirmation letters and delegation agreement sent to CCGs via Regional Directors.
- Mid February: Delegation agreements returned by CCGs.
- Early/Mid-March: Provisional checkpoint with regions in to ensure no shift in risks since application that would jeopardise delegation.
- 1 April: Delegation agreements and delegations sent to CCG signed by NHS England.

Recommendation

The committee are asked to consider and agree the PCCC proposed TORs and commit to a development session being held in February 2016.

Appendix 1: Revised terms of reference.