

Northumberland Primary Care Co-Commissioning Committee**17 February 2016****Agenda Item: 6.3****CCG Delegated functions self-certification Q3 2015****Sponsor: Julie Ross**

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

- 1. Consider the 2015 Q3 self-certification submission and approve.**

Background

The CCG Assurance Framework for 2015/16 sets out a new assurance process that takes account of the need for NHS England to have specific additional assurances from CCG's who have taken responsibility for primary care delegated commissioning. This assurance will be provided by the CCG completing a self-certification process on a quarterly basis in the first year of the CCG taking on co-commissioning as a delegated authority. The self-certification for Q3 is due to be submitted by 25 February 2016

The self-assessment focusses on progress in the previous quarter against five key areas:

- Outcomes.
- Governance and the management of potential conflicts of interest.
- Procurement.
- Expiry of contacts
- Availability of services

Discussion

The CCG assumed responsibility for Level 2 Primary Care Co-Commissioning on 1 April 2015. The Q1/Q2 assurance return was submitted 22 October 2015 and the committee have only met once in the interim. While the Q3 self-certification will contain the requisite information on key business areas and conflict of interest management, it should be noted that, given the timescales involved, it will provide a limited update on progress in some areas.

Recommendation

It is proposed that the committee approve the Q3 self-certification for submission to NHS England.

Appendix 1: NHS England's CCG Assurance: delegated functions self-certification Q3 2015/16.

