

Northumberland Primary Care Commissioning Committee

20 April 2016

Agenda Item: 5.1

Delegation Agreement

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

- 1. Consider the delegated agreement and schedules of delegated and reserved functions.**
- 2. Agree the immediate operational arrangements between the CCG and NHS England to manage the delegated agreement.**

Purpose

This report confirms that NHS Northumberland Clinical Commissioning Group (the CCG) assumed delegated responsibility for the commissioning of primary medical services in Northumberland from 1 April 2016 and outlines the immediate way ahead operationally.

The Delegation Agreement

The full Delegation Agreement and the schedules of delegated and reserved functions are at Appendices 1 and 2 respectively. Delegated commissioning offers the CCG opportunities to drive the improvement of out-of-hospital services and to develop sustainable primary care services tailored to local needs and is the agreement therefore offers the CCG the enhanced opportunity to work more closely with member practices as it moves forward with Northumberland's Primary and Acute Care System.

The Immediate Future

While the CCG will continue to work very closely with NHS England and will share resources as required and when appropriate, delegated commissioning status effectively means that it now has the lead for the delegated functions at Appendix 1. To facilitate this, and to work efficiently and effectively the following operational plan has been/will be implemented:

- The CCG's locality managers will be the primary point of contact for member practices.
- CCG dedicated resource has been identified to manage emerging operational issues.
- NHS England advice, guidance and resource will be requested when deemed necessary.
- An NHS England resource may be embedded in the CCG – periodicity to be determined.
- A monthly operational group will be set up using combined assets from the



- CCG and NHS England.
- The CCG will manage Local Authority briefing requirements.
- Oversight will be maintained by the Chief Operating Officer and the Strategic Head of Corporate Affairs.

Conclusion

While a substantial body of work has already been undertaken to reach the current position and the strategic tasking is fully defined by the delegation agreement, it is recognised that additional work is required to further define the operational construct and the associated workload for both the CCG and the NHS England regional team. An update report will be presented to the next committee meeting.

Appendices:

1. The Delegated Agreement.
2. Delegation by NHS England – Summary of delegated and reserved functions.