

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

- 1. Consider the Dispensing Services Quality Scheme proposal for 2016/17.**
- 2. Approve the self-assessment template for practice use in the DSQS.**

## **Purpose**

This report provides an overview of the requirements and benefits of Dispensing Services Quality Scheme (DSQS) and outlines the proposed self-assessment documentation for 2016/17.

## **Background**

The DSQS is available to dispensing practices via NHS England and offers incentives to practices which fulfil specific criteria.

Under the terms of the Statement of Financial Entitlements, there is a requirement for NHS England to offer dispensing practices the opportunity to participate in the DSQS on an annual basis. Dispensing practices have the opportunity to sign-up to the DSQS scheme by 1 July each year. If the practice fulfils the in-year requirements it is reimbursed £2.58 per dispensing patient.

NHS Northumberland Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) has 17 dispensing practices, with a combined dispensing patient list of approximately 31,227 patients. The practices have historically signed-up to DSQS.

In the absence of any national templates for the scheme, NHS England Cumbria and the North East has, in the last two years, rolled over the scheme that was developed previously by the medicines management team in North of Tyne which includes a self-assessment tool which provides assurance that practices meet the requirements of the scheme.

## **Proposal**

NHS England is proposing to roll over the same documentation for 2016/17. The proposed scheme is at Appendix 1 with the original requirements at Appendix 2.

## **Recommendation**

The Northumberland Primary Care Commissioning Committee is asked to approve the use of the self-assessment template in 2016/17 in participating dispensing practices.



Appendix 1: DSQS template  
Appendix 2: DSQS Requirements