

Item No. 13.	Classification: Open	Date: 4 October 2016	Meeting Name: Health and Wellbeing Board
Report title:		The Future of Primary Care Co-commissioning in Southwark	
Ward(s) or groups affected:		All	
From:		Andrew Bland, Chief Officer, NHS Southwark CCG	

RECOMMENDATION

1. The Board is asked to note the opportunity for NHS Southwark CCG to enhance its level of responsibility for the commissioning of local primary care services and to discuss this opportunity as part of the CCG's engagement in this area ahead of a final decision of the CCG's Governing Body in November 2016.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

2. Since April 2015 the CCG has held a joint commissioning role (referred to as Level Two co-commissioning) for general practices services with NHS England. Prior to this the commissioning and contracting of these services was the sole responsibility of NHS England. Over the coming months we have the opportunity to apply for an enhanced role for commissioning of this area by taking 'Full Delegated' responsibility for commissioning.
3. If successful in its application the CCG would receive sole responsibility for decision making and budgets for general practice services through delegated powers from NHS England – this is referred to as Level Three co-commissioning. NHS England would retain the statutory accountability for the delivery of these functions
4. The CCG is undertaking engagement activities in parallel with residents, our partners and our member practices to inform a decision of the CCG Governing Body upon making an application in November 2016 and then accepting responsibility, if successful, from April 2017.

KEY ISSUES FOR CONSIDERATION

5. In 2014/15 the engagement process with members, stakeholders (including the Health and Wellbeing Board) and residents ultimately resulted in a decision of the Governing Body to apply for Level Two – Joint Commissioning from 1 April 2015. That application was made alongside the five other CCGs in south east London and the six CCGs have held the same level of responsibility, enacted with mirrored arrangements since then with NHS England (London Region).
6. Currently co-commissioning arrangements in England can exist at three levels (where statutory responsibility remains with NHS England at all levels):
 - **Influence (Level 1)** - greater CCG involvement in influencing commissioning decisions made by NHS England

- **Joint commissioning (Level 2)** - whereby CCGs and NHS England make decisions together under a common operating model and governance arrangement – Joint Committee
 - **Delegated commissioning (Level 3)** – CCGs carry out defined functions on behalf of NHS England and are held to account for doing so
7. By accepting 'Full Delegation' the CCG would assume the following responsibilities that are currently shared with or held entirely (e.g. Budget responsibility) with NHS England:
- Contract management
 - Budget management
 - Complaints management
 - Design of local incentive schemes (with potential for alternatives to the national Quality and Outcomes Framework and Directed Enhanced Services)
8. Delegated commissioning arrangements exclude any individual GP performance management. NHS England would also be responsible for the administration of payments and list management.
9. Legally NHS England would retain the residual liability for the performance of primary medical care commissioning and will therefore require robust assurances that its statutory functions are being discharged effectively by the CCG.
10. The attached presentation outlines the perceived benefits and risks associated with enhanced responsibilities; seeks to explore the level of alignment to local strategic objectives and in particular those of Southwark's Five Year Forward View.

Engagement and next steps

11. In September 2016 the CCG began engagement activities with member practices through electronic forums and membership meetings; and in late October 2016 the CCG will hold a public engagement event with residents and stakeholders. The outcomes of these events and discussions held with the Health and Wellbeing Board will be received by the CCG's Governing Body ahead of its meeting in Public on 10 November 2016 where a recommendation upon application will be received.
12. Should the Governing Body make a decision to apply, that application will be made in the first half of December 2016. If successful the CCG would then operate with delegated powers from 1 April 2017.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

Background papers	Held at	Contact
None		

APPENDICES

No.	Title
Appendix 1	Primary Care Co-commissioning in Southwark

AUDIT TRAIL

Lead Officer	Andrew Bland, Chief Officer, NHS Southwark CCG	
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