

Report to:	HEALTH SCRUTINY COMMITTEE
Item number	4
Relevant Officers:	Steve Sienkiewicz, Scrutiny Manager.
Date of Meeting	6 th November 2014

BLACKPOOL CLINICAL COMMISSIONING GROUP

1.0 Purpose of the report:

1.1 The Committee to consider an update report from Blackpool Clinical Commissioning Group.

2.0 Recommendation(s):

2.1 To scrutinise the report, asking questions and making recommendations that are considered appropriate.

3.0 Reasons for recommendation(s):

3.1 To ensure constructive and robust scrutiny of the report.

3.2a Is the recommendation contrary to a plan or strategy adopted or approved by the Council? No

3.2b Is the recommendation in accordance with the Council's approved budget? N/A

3.3 Other alternative options to be considered:

None.

4.0 Council Priority:

4.1 Improve health and well-being especially for the most disadvantaged.

5.0 Background Information

5.1 Spire Hospitals Complaint / Choice of Provider

5.1.1 In September 2013, Spire Healthcare Limited complained to Monitor that Blackpool CCG and Fylde and Wyre CCG had taken a number of actions which had led to patients being directed away from Spire Fylde Coast Hospitals and towards Blackpool Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust, specifically;

- Entering into a “block” contract with Blackpool Teachings Hospitals.
- CCGs had not met their obligations to ensure that GPs offered patients a choice of provider for first out-patient appointments or publicised the availability of choice.

In September 2014, Monitor concluded its investigation and found no evidence to support the allegation that patients were being directed away from Spire but the CCGs could do more to ensure choice was offered.

Further information will be presented at the meeting on the nature of the complaint and further actions being taken by the CCG to promote patient choice.

5.2 Listening Event

5.2.1 A verbal update will be provided to the Committee following the public Listening event held at the Imperial Hotel on Friday 17th October.

5.3 Witnesses/representatives

5.3.1 The following person has been invited to attend the meeting and report on this agenda item:

- Dr Amanda Doyle OBE, Chief Clinical Officer, Blackpool Clinical Commissioning Group

List of Appendices:

None.

6.0 Legal considerations:

6.1 N/A

7.0 Human Resources considerations:

7.1 N/A

8.0 Equalities considerations:

8.1 N/A

9.0 Financial considerations:

9.1 N/A

10.0 Risk management considerations:

10.1 N/A

11.0 Ethical considerations:

11.1 N/A

12.0 Internal/ External Consultation undertaken:

12.1 N/A

13.0 Background papers:

13.1 None.