

Blackpool CCG Governing Body – Part I

13 January 2015

Primary Care Co-commissioning Application for Full Delegated Responsibility

Executive Summary

Introduction

Governing Body members will recall approving the recommendation on 2 December 2014 for the CCG to make an application for full delegated responsibility of commissioning primary medical services. The process included:

- Review and revising the CCG conflicts of interest policy in light of new NHS England statutory guidance;
- Describing the intended benefits of co-commissioning arrangements;
- Consultation and support of membership practices
- Detail the finance arrangements of the delegated budget; and
- Complete and sign a declaration.

Current Position

The application (Annexe B attached) for full delegated responsibility was submitted to NHS England by 12 noon on Friday, 9 January 2015 and included all the necessary documentation.

The approvals process is to be 'light touch' and will be undertaken by NHS England's programme oversight group. The principles of the approvals will:

- Be conducted openly and transparently and contain no surprises;
- Minimise the administrative demands placed on CCGs and area teams; and
- Ongoing assurance of co-commissioning arrangements will form part of the CCG assurance process.

The oversight group will provide final sign off for delegated proposals in February 2015. Once proposals are approved, the CCG will need to set out its plans as per the 2015/16 NHS planning guidance published in December 2014. Proposals will then be implemented on 1 April 2015.

Recommendation

Governing Body Members are asked to note that the application has been submitted as approved in December 2014.

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