Primary Care Update from Barking and Dagenham Clinical Commissioning Group

Report of the Director of Law and Governance

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Summary:

In February 2016 the Health and Adult Services Select Committee (HASSC) received a presentation from Sarah See, the Barking and Dagenham Clinical Commissioning Group’s Director of Primary Care Transformation, which provided an update on the personal medical services contract. Members noted that:

- Personal medical services (PMS) are locally negotiated GP practice contracts that follow national regulations, which aim to improve the quality of services by basing them on the needs of the local population and provide value for money.
- Practices on a PMS contract receive more funding per patient than most practices across London, as most practices are on a national rather than local contract.
- The difference in funding between these two types of contracts is called the ‘PMS premium’. There is a large variation in the amount of funding PMS practices in the borough receive and the services they provide with this funding.
- PMS contracts are being reviewed nationally to instead provide more consistent and equitable, but still local, contracts.

The presentation slides at Appendix 1 provide an update on the progress of the PMS review.

Appendix 1 also provides a wider update on the BDCCG’s primary care transformation project which aims for general practice to work together with other community health providers including pharmacies, dentists and optometrists, to create an effective, extended, place-based (locality) team.

Members are also asked to note that the Council was recently notified that Five Elms Medical Centre, on Five Elms Road in Dagenham, has been placed in ‘special measures’ by the Care Quality Commission. Whilst this agenda item is not intended to focus on individual GP practices, it is an opportunity to ask the BDCCG what lessons have been learnt from this process to ensure all GPs in the borough are providing a good service to the borough’s residents.
Recommendations

The HASSC is recommended to:

(i) Ask questions of the BDCCG’s Director of Primary Care Transformation to determine as far as possible, how the outcomes of the PMS review will affect Barking and Dagenham residents’ experience of primary care;

(ii) Ask questions of the Director of Primary Care Transformation on the lessons learnt from the Care Quality Commission’s placing of Five Elms Medical Centre in ‘special measures’; and

(iii) Request that the BDCCG keep the HASSC regularly updated on the progress of the locality based model pilot.

Reason(s)

This report relates to the Council’s priority to enable social responsibility and the objective to ensure everyone can access good quality healthcare when they need it.

Implications

There are no direct legal or financial implications arising directly from this report.

Background Papers Used in the Preparation of the Report:

‘Primary Care Update’ Presentation delivered to the HASSC on 10 February 2016, available on:


List of appendices:

Appendix 1 Primary Care Update presentation slides