Primary care update

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In April 2015 an independent review of Abbey Medical Centre was carried out as there were concerns about the clinical practice of one of the partners. Since the review the practice has failed to act on the recommendations.

In November 2015 the Care Quality Commission (CQC) inspected Abbey Medical Centre and found a number of areas of concern. This included the management of vaccines, reporting of incidents or near misses, and communication between staff.

As a result, the CQC placed the practice in special measures and recommended a number of required improvements.

The practice has prepared an action plan for the CQC setting out how they are going to meet the improvements set out in the report.
Next steps

- The CCG is continuing to support the practice in making the recommended improvements
- All practices in special measures are re-inspected within six months
- If sufficient improvements have not been made the CQC will begin the process of preventing Dr Haq and his partners from running the practice. Should this happen the CCG would consider future options for the practice.
Personal medical services

- Personal medical services (PMS) are locally negotiated GP practice contracts which follow national regulations

- The contract applies to practices with at least one GP, practice manager, nurse and other clinician

- PMS contracts 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’.
PMS review

• There is a large variation in the amount of funding PMS practices in B&D 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 purpose of the review is to look into how to use the PMS premium funding most effectively, to ensure it provides best value and meets the needs of our patients

• We will follow NHS England’s national guidance to carry out the PMS review.
The review will include:

- Identifying the current cost of PMS contracts
- Understanding how practices currently use the PMS premium
- Analysing the quality of the services provided through the premium
- Identifying what services should be provided through the premium and developing a local specification for the contract.
PMS review

Following the review, the local PMS review working group, which includes Clinical Directors, lay members, Local Medical Committee and NHS England, will make recommendations to the CCG Primary Care Commissioning Committee on:

- The proposed new services that will be commissioned through a collective PMS premium
- The requirements of the core services and price of the new contract.

The proposed new contract will continue to be discussed with the working group and PMS GP practices before the details are agreed.
Local context

- 11 PMS practices in Barking and Dagenham
- Barking and Dagenham has the 2nd highest PMS premium in comparison to London
- Approximately £2.5m premium is invested in PMS practices in Barking and Dagenham
- There is a variation in premium between the individual practices that ranges between £61.26 - £21.84 per patient.
Next steps

• NHS England are still discussing the draft contract with the London Medical Council.

• The CCG is currently doing financial modelling to understand the affordability of the proposed contract.

• The CCG is reviewing the current services delivered by PMS practices to understand the impact if any are decommissioned as a result of the new contract.