

# Primary Care Commissioning Committee

Date: Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> June

Time: 9:00am – 11.05am

Location: Vassall Centre, Gill Avenue, Bristol, BS16 2QQ

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## Agenda number: 10

### Report title: Contract and Performance Report June 2019

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Report Sponsor: Lisa Manson, Director of Commissioning

#### 1. Purpose

To update Primary Care Commissioning Committee on the status of BNSSG primary care contracts.

#### 2. Recommendations

The committee are asked to note the contents of this report for information

#### 3. Executive Summary

The paper provides a summary of the contractual status of the contracts held across the Primary Care Contract portfolio. This includes all GMS / PMS and APMS contracts as well as the locally commissioned Improving Access to General Practice Contract.

#### 4. Financial resource implications

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#### 5. Legal implications

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#### 6. Risk implications

There are no specific risks highlighted in this paper this month. Any risks associated with contractual changes will be highlighted via separate papers.



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#### 1. Background

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#### 2. Current Contracts

CCG	APMS	PMS*	GMS	Total
Bristol, North Somerset and South Gloucestershire (BNSSG)	8**	66	10	84

\*NHS England has offered new contracts to all PMS practices

\*\*APMS contract for SAS included

##### a. PMS Contract Update

All PMS practices were offered a new PMS contract by NHS England. There is one PMS Practice that has yet to submit their final signed version – the practice has informed us that this will be returned imminently. The delay has been associated with a change in the partnership, and the practice becoming a single-handed partner.

The lack of a signed contract is an issue that will need resolution as soon as practically possible in order to avoid any uncertainty. In the interim, given that services are continuing to be provided and the practices are receiving payment a contract is 'implied' between the parties. The local terms of the agreement will reflect what can be inferred as having been agreed between the parties based on correspondence between, notes of meetings, drafts exchanged and so on. It would be reasonable to assume that the implied contract would incorporate the drafted terms of the PMS contract. Therefore, contractual issues can still be discussed and raised with parties as necessary.

##### b. Single handed Contractors holding GMS/PMS contracts

Practice	Code	List Size (01/01/19)	Contract Type
Cedars/Worle (Pimm)	L81643	15,487	PMS
Monks Park Surgery (Langton)	L81669	5,718	PMS

The Contracting team have reviewed both single-handed contracts. The Single Handed GP Contractor Assurance Framework has been sent to the Cedars Practice and the return has been reviewed by the Primary Care Contracts Team and appropriately assured.

The Monks Park Surgery became a single handed practice at the end of March 2019. The Contracts team met with the remaining partner, and is providing support to undertake the contract variations and to work through the Single Handed GP Contractor Assurance Framework documentation.

### 3. Procurements/Contract Expiries

#### a. Current Procurements

Service	Locality	Status	Expected Contract Award date	Anticipated Commence ment date
Northville Family Practice	South Glos	PCCC approved an extension to the end of Sept 2019, PIN released on 4/01/19	tbc for longer term contract	tbc
Charlotte Keel Medical Practice	ICE	PCCC approved an extension until the end of March 2020, PIN released on 4/01/19	tbc for longer term contract	tbc
Bishopston Medical Practice	N&W	PCCC approved an extension until the end of March 2020, incumbent wishes to extend to end of Sept 2019. PIN released on 4/01/19		

#### b. APMS Contract Expiries

Practice	Locality	Contract Type	Agreed End date	Notes
Horizon Health (Weston)	North Somerset	APMS	31/10/2019	With option to extend by 1 year
Northville Family Practice	South Gloucestershire	APMS	30/09/2019 *offered	Contract commenced on 16/01/2016
Bishopston Medical Practice	North and West	APMS	31/03/2020 *offered	Contract commenced February 2018

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Charlotte Keel Medical Practice	ICE	APMS	31/03/2020 *offered	Contract commenced 01/04/18
Broadmead Medical Centre (Y02578)		APMS	30/09/2031	With option to extend by 5+5 years
Homeless Health Service (Y02873)		APMS	30/09/2021	With option to extend by 5+5 years
Emersons Green Medical Centre (L81362)	South Gloucestershire	APMS	31/01/2032	With option to extend by 5+5 years

#### 4. Practice mergers

##### a. Approved mergers

No new applications.

##### b. New Merger Applications

No new applications.

#### 5. Closed list Applications

No new applications

#### 6. Approved List Closures

No new applications

#### 7. Partnership Change Requests

The Primary Care Contract team have been asked to prepare contract variations to a group of practices in order to support the formation of a 'Super Partnership'. The team are clarifying the position in relation to the management of contracts, dispute resolution; including testing the risk of mass handback and how this supports emerging Primary Care Networks. Following a satisfactory assessment of these issues the team will prepare the relevant paperwork.

#### 8. Temporary Practice Hour changes

Practices have the ability to submit applications to close for a number of hours to allow them to plan for things such as training sessions and periods of significant IT downtime etc. All applications are considered individually, and the practices have to demonstrate the reasons for closure and the contingency for patients during these closures. Following a joint

review process up until March 2019, BNSSG CCG are now assessing applications solely from 1 April 2019.

The table below details the number of applications received since 1 April 2019.

	N/Somerset	Bristol	S Glos	Totals
Applications	1	0	3	4
Practices	1	0	3	4

Four applications have been received for closures since April 1<sup>st</sup> 2019 and have been approved. The closures relate to staff events and training. Practices are reminded that 4 weeks' notice is required for any proposed closure.

## 9. Applications to Change Practice Boundaries

No applications received

## 10. Branch Surgery Closures

No applications received

## 11. Contract Breach and Remedial Notices

No Contract Breach or Remedial Notices have been issued. There are currently no live notices in place with any practice.

## 12. Contract Termination Notices

The Primary Care Contracts team agreed notice to terminate contracts held by Graham Road and Clarence Park surgeries on 6 June 2019. The contracts expired at midnight on 16 June 2019. Future delivery of Primary Care services for patients has been secured, without interruption, with Pier Health Group agreeing to hold 2 APMS contracts that were incepted on Monday 17 June 2019.

## 13. Section 96 Applications

Section 96 of the NHS Act (2006) (as amended) makes provisions for commissioners to provide assistance and support to primary medical services contractors, including financial support:

*96. Assistance and support: primary medical services*

*(1) The Board may provide assistance or support to any person providing or proposing to provide—*

- primary medical services pursuant to section 83(2),*
- primary medical services under a general medical services contract, or*
- primary medical services in accordance with section 92 arrangements.*

*(2) Assistance or support provided by the Board under subsection (1) is provided on such terms, including terms as to payment, as the Board considers appropriate.*

*(3) "Assistance" includes financial assistance.*

Section 96 exceptional discretionary funding is intended to be used to safeguard patients' interests by providing additional funding or assistance to support practices assess and treat the causes of vulnerability and support longer term resilience rather than deliver short term financial assistance.

Section 96 support is to be considered if it has not been possible for the CCG to offer support through the existing GP Resilience programme.

In April and May 2019, the Contracts team received 9 applications for funding. The applications were reviewed at the Section 96 panel on June 6<sup>th</sup> 2019, and 5 applications were supported totalling £152,100. The Primary Care Contracts and Development teams informed the practices concerned in writing on Thursday 13 June 2019, and will now work to implement Memorandums of Understanding to support the practices create an action plan to address and resolve the issues cited on the application.

#### 14. Primary Care Performance Management Monitoring

BNSSG CCG currently commission Improved Access from One Care (BNSSG) Ltd. One Care are commissioned to deliver on average an additional 45 minutes / 1000 population (weighted) per week access to general practice. Current performance across BNSSG is as follows:

	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar
Av Minutes / week BNSSG	39.6	37.9	44.2	39.4	39.2	48.9	36.3	37.6	45.6	46.4	49.0	46.0

Across the year the average number of minutes delivered was 42.5. This is in excess of the national minimum of 30 minutes.

In March 2019 the number of minutes delivered across BNSSG decreased, as expected. This is due to practices trying to remain in 'balance' across the year e.g. not carry the risk of over delivery against the contractual envelope. All six localities met the minimum standard of 30 minutes per 1,000 population per week. In April 2019 two localities are planning to deliver 30 minutes and 3 localities are planning to deliver 45. Population figures have been refreshed and therefore the activity required to hit the 30 and 45 minute targets has increased. This equates to a 0.89% uplift.

A Pan Bristol Improved Access working group met on 30 May 2019 to discuss the future model of delivery for IA in light of PCNs and the National Access Review. The CCG will work with stakeholders to map out a timeline for contractual delivery of IA across 19/20 and

20/21 leading up to IA being merged with the PCN contract DES from 1 April 2021. The CCG is reviewing with locality leads the operational model and how improved access capacity could be directed to a 'hub' model focused around A&E sites in an effort to reduce the number of Primary Care related attendances as well as continuing to support the core primary care offer.

## **15. Update on Language and Translation Procurement**

A single procurement was published in April 2019 for Primary Care Language and Translation services covering the South West. Three bidders submitted offers and the bids have been evaluated with moderation meetings taking place in the first week of June 2019. BNSSG CCG bids were evaluated by CCG colleagues and supported by the SCW CSU procurement team. The contract award report is being drafted and will detail the outcome of the evaluation for each of the commissioners. The procurement is expected to move to a preferred bidder stage, while additional assurances are sought. The service will be managed under five contracts, each for two years with the option to extend for a further two years. NHS England will let the contract for a single service across the South West for Dental, Optometry and Pharmacy. Medical (GP) contracts will be let by each of the four CCGs, BNSSG CCG, Somerset CCG, Devon CCG and Kernow CCG for their respective populations.

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## Appendices

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## Glossary of terms and abbreviations

Please explain all initials, technical terms and abbreviations.

<b>APMS</b>	Alternative Provider of Medical Services - Type of GP contract
<b>GMS</b>	General Medical Services – Type of GP contract
<b>PMS</b>	Personal Medical Services – Type of GP contract
<b>PIN</b>	Prior Information Notice