



Wirral Clinical Commissioning Group

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Date: 11/01/2018

Dear Senior Partner

Enhanced Primary Care in Care Homes (EPCCH) Locally Commissioned Service – Changes post 1st April 2018

We are writing to inform you that following a review of the current pilot EPCCH service a number of changes are to be implemented from 1st April 2018. The changes have been approved by the Primary Care Co-Commissioning Committee and a briefing given to Wirral Local Medical Committee Secretaries. The new requirements are primarily designed to ensure total population coverage is achieved for patients who want to receive the service. They also aim to enhance the overall quality of patient care by improving collaborative working between GP Practices and Care Homes.

From 1st April 2017 patients in Dual Registered Care Homes (Older Persons) were initially eligible to receive the service only. A subsequent expression of interest phase was undertaken in July 2017 which gave authorisation for some providers to roll out the service to additional non-Dual Registered Care Homes. The budget doubles for the period 1st April 2018 – 31st March 2019 to allow all patients in Older Peoples Care Homes to receive the enhanced level of care. A small number of Mental Health and Learning Disability Care Homes are now also to be included.

During 2017/2018 ~24 practices have been providing the service to approximately 1,300 patients out of a total population/bed capacity of circa 2,200-2,800. Ward rounds vary in number from 1 patient to over 50 and are undertaken on a weekly basis. Visibility of the service in some Care Homes is limited following feedback received at the Wirral Care Home Registered Managers meeting in November 2017. The CCG has also been informed by some GP Practices that they are unable to provide the service themselves for their registered patients.

The changes to be implemented from 1st April 2018 are summarised in Appendix A of this letter and are also included in the accompanying separate new service specification. All providers intending to continue to provide the service are asked to complete the attached “Implementation Plan” and sign the Contract Variation in Appendix B. Completed copies should be sent to natalie.caffrey1@nhs.net no later than Friday 23rd February 2018.

To support GP practice collaborative negotiations supplied with this letter is an Excel spreadsheet which lists numbers of registered patients by Care Home by GP Practice. The information has been sourced from GP practices and is subject to change.

For those GP practices that are unable to provide the service the CCG will work with them in the first instance to consider what other arrangements can be put in place for their patients.

Should you have any further questions please contact martyn.kent3@nhs.net or telephone 0151 651 0011 ext 1720.

Yours Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in purple ink, appearing to read 'Sian Stokes'.

Dr Sian Stokes
Long Term Conditions and Older Peoples Clinical Lead

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Martyn Kent'.

Martyn Kent
Assistant Director Primary Care Transformation

Appendix A Summary of Changes Post 1st April 2018

- a) GP Practice providers will be expected to deliver the scheme at scale, with a minimum of 20 patients per home/ward round or full 100% coverage of a home if the bed capacity is lower to be able to claim.
- b) Practices will be encouraged to collaborate with other practices to deliver the scheme at scale. There will be no expectation for patients to re-register with the practice delivering the scheme and practices will be able to deliver the scheme to patients not currently registered with their practice.
- c) The scheme is to be delivered to 100% of older people care home patients from April 2018 and therefore the scheme will be offered to other practices or GP Federations for any practice not wishing to deliver the scheme.
- d) Practices not delivering the scheme or for practices for whom another practice delivers the scheme on their behalf, will still be responsible for acute problems/visits for their registered patients in these care homes. (including updating patient's medical records)
- e) There is an extension to the eligibility criteria to also allow patients with mental health needs or learning disabilities to receive the service. In the first instance the following care homes have been recommended by the Council's lead commissioner and are eligible to receive the service.

Kingsley House – 16 beds (Residential Mental Health)

Melrose House – 29 beds (Residential Mental Health)

Newhaven Sunningdale Road 14 beds – (Residential Learning Disabilities)

Note: For the avoidance of doubt no other Mental Health or Learning Disability Homes are eligible for the service without prior approval from the commissioner.

- f) All practices wishing to provide the service must have their implementation plans countersigned by the care home to receive the service e.g. agreement on day(s) and time of ward round and staff involved
- g) All claims from practices must be countersigned by the care home for each quarter of the financial year agreeing the ward rounds took place.
- h) All providers providing a mainly nurse led model (once a month GP visits) must provide evidence of the nurses appropriate training, skills and experience to appropriately deliver the ward round in their implementation plans prior to CCG sign off.
- i) All providers must attend at least two meetings per year with the CCG to review the service delivery and associated outcomes.

Appendix B NHS Standard Contract Variation Template & Service Delivery Plan

VARIATION AGREEMENT

Contract/Variation Reference: 2018-19 LCS1

Proposed by: NHS Wirral CCG

Date of Proposal:

Date of Variation Agreement:

1. The Parties have agreed the Variation summarised below:

Wirral Locally Commissioned Services

Amendment to Schedule 2 Services

NHS Wirral CCG requests the following new Locally Commissioned Service is provided by the GP practice until 31st March 2019.

- Enhanced Primary Care in Care Homes

Service	Payment arrangement	Practice agreement to provide: Yes/No
Enhanced Primary Care in Care Homes Locally Commissioned Service	£360 per patient per annum pro rata invoiced to the CCG on a quarterly basis in arrears.	

Reporting requirements

All reporting arrangements will be in line with those outlined within section 3.2 of the service specification or as otherwise notified by the commissioner.

2. The Variation takes effect on 1st April 2018.

IN WITNESS OF WHICH the Parties named below have signed this Variation Agreement on the date(s) shown below

Signed by	Iain Stewart
for and on behalf of NHS Wirral CCG	
Signature	
Title	Assistant Director Primary Care & Partnerships
Date	

Signed by	
for and on behalf of (name of practice)	
Signature	
Title	
Date	

GP Practice Implementation Plan - Year 2 Pilot (2018/19)

Name of GP Practice:															
Name of Person completing this form:															
Date of completion:															
Email address and telephone number of main contact:															
1. Names of Care Homes including anticipated number of patients to be managed in each home (minimum 20 per ward round)	<table> <tr> <td>Care Home 1:</td> <td>Number of beds/patients:</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Care Home 2:</td> <td>Number of beds/patients:</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Care Home 3:</td> <td>Number of beds/patients:</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Care Home 4:</td> <td>Number of beds/patients:</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Care Home 5:</td> <td>Number of beds/patients:</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Care Home 6:</td> <td>Number of beds/patients:</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Care Home 7:</td> <td>Number of beds/patients:</td> </tr> </table>	Care Home 1:	Number of beds/patients:	Care Home 2:	Number of beds/patients:	Care Home 3:	Number of beds/patients:	Care Home 4:	Number of beds/patients:	Care Home 5:	Number of beds/patients:	Care Home 6:	Number of beds/patients:	Care Home 7:	Number of beds/patients:
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2. Will you be working jointly or on behalf of another practice to deliver the service?															
3. Service to be delivered by solely GPs or in conjunction with Specialist Nurses?	(Specialist Nurses – Please provide a summary of their knowledge, skills and training (qualifications) to undertake this role.)														
4. Agreement with Care Home as to when weekly ward rounds will take place?	(Please state anticipated day(s) and time(s) and any other key collaborative working points)														
5. Care Home Manager Signatories	<table> <tr> <td>Care Home 1:</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Care Home 2:</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Care Home 3:</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Care Home 4:</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Care Home 5:</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Care Home 6:</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Care Home 7:</td> </tr> </table> <p>(All Care Home Managers should be asked to sign this implementation plan to acknowledge their awareness and agreement with the plan.)</p>	Care Home 1:	Care Home 2:	Care Home 3:	Care Home 4:	Care Home 5:	Care Home 6:	Care Home 7:							
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