



REPORT OF THE SHEFFIELD PRIMARY CARE SUB-COMMITTEE

SHEFFIELD HEALTH AND CARE PARTNERSHIP BOARD

18 APRIL 2023

Author(s)	Abigail Tebbs, Deputy Director of Primary Care Contracting Digital and Estates
Sponsor	Ian Atkinson, Deputy Executive Place Director
Purpose of Paper	
<p>To inform the Board of decisions made by the Sheffield Primary Care Sub-Committee (PCC) in relation to the discharge of the primary care functions and responsibilities delegated to South Yorkshire Integrated Care Board (ICB) by NHS England and on other matters within the remit of PCC.</p>	
Key Issues	
<p>PCC met on 7 March 2023. They considered and supported amended terms of reference for the committee to reflect governance arrangements under the ICB scheme of reservation and delegation.</p> <p>PCC considered and supported five contract variation requests relating to Personal Medical Services (PMS) contracts</p> <p>PCC considered changes recently made to the GP contract for 2023/24 by NHS England and escalated the risk this may present to GP and Primary Care Network Services to the Sheffield Senior Place Executive Team.</p>	
Is your report for Approval/Consideration/Noting	
For approval.	
Recommendations/Action Required by the Sheffield Health and Care Partnership Board	
<p>Sheffield Health and Care Partnership Board is asked to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> consider the report of the Sheffield Primary Care Sub-Committee; approve the PCC terms of reference as amended and attached at appendix 1 to this report; and recommend that the ICB Board approve the contract variations set out in this report. 	
What assurance does this report provide to the Sheffield Health and Care Partnership Board in relations to the ambitions of the Health and Wellbeing Strategy 2019-2024	
	Please ✓
Every child achieves a level of development in their early year for the best start in life	
Every child is included in their education and can access their local school	
Every child and young person has a successful transition to independence	



Everyone has access to a home that supports their health	
Everyone has a fulfilling occupation and the resources to support their needs	
Everyone can safely walk or cycle in their local area regardless of age or ability	
Everyone has equitable access to care and support shaped around them	✓
Everyone has the level of meaningful social contact that they want	
Everyone lives the end of their life with dignity in the place of their choice	
Are there any Resource Implications (including Financial, Staffing etc)?	
No	
Have you carried out an Equality Impact Assessment and is it attached?	
N/A	
Have you involved patients, carers and the public in the preparation of the report?	
Not required for this paper, involvement is undertaken where relevant to the specific matter for decision.	



REPORT OF THE SHEFFIELD PRIMARY CARE SUB-COMMITTEE

SHEFFIELD HEALTH AND CARE PARTNERSHIP BOARD

18 APRIL 2023

1. Introduction

NHS England is responsible for commissioning primary medical services for the population of England. Following the establishment of Integrated Care Boards (ICB) on 1 July 2022, NHS England delegated responsibility for the commissioning of primary medical services in Sheffield to NHS South Yorkshire.

A Primary Care Sub-Committee (PCC) of the Sheffield Place Partnership Board has been established to function as a place oversight body for primary care making recommendations to the South Yorkshire ICB Board for the management of the delegated functions and exercise of delegated powers.

This paper presents the Sheffield Health and Care Partnership Board with details of recommendations made by the PCC on delegated matters and decisions made on other matters within the remit of the Sub-Committee at the meeting on 7 March 2023.

2. Terms of Reference

PCC terms of reference have been amended to reflect the fact that the ICB's scheme of reservation and delegation does not permit this responsibility to be delegated.

The amendments establish the responsibility of PCC to oversee matters relating to delegated primary care functions in Sheffield and provide a place recommendation to the ICB Board for decision. This function will be overseen by the Sheffield Health and Care Partnership Board.

The revised terms of reference were supported by PCC and are attached at Appendix 1 of this paper.

3. Contract Variations

PCC considered five requests, received by the ICB since 1 February 2023 to vary Personal Medical Services (PMS) contracts. PMS contracts, which are held between the individual contractor(s) and the commissioner require additional review and approval.

The following applications for variation were considered:



Ref and Practice	Contract Type	Request	Received	Comments
V1 Firth Park Surgery	PMS	Removal of a contractor	03.02.2023	Request to remove contractor (resignation/retirement). Multi contractor practice, no issues identified
V2 Meadowgreen Health Centre	PMS	Removal of a contractor	14.02.2023	Request to remove contractor (resignation/retirement). Multi contractor practice, no issues identified
V3 Meadowgreen Health Centre	PMS	Removal of a contractor	14.02.2023	Request to remove contractor (resignation/retirement). Multi contractor practice, no issues identified
V4 Page Hall Medical Centre	PMS	Removal of a contractor	16.02.2023	Request to remove contractor (resignation/retirement). Multi contractor practice, no issues identified
V5 Sothall Medical Centre	PMS	Addition of contractor	06.03.2023	Request to add Primary Care Sheffield as a contractor.

PCC were assured that in the case of variations V1 to V4 the contractors would remain eligible to hold the contract after the variation was agreed and that the variations would not result in changes to service provision that would require public consultation.

In the case of variation V5, PCC were informed that the contract was currently held by three individuals all of whom wish to retire within the next 18 months. The practice premises are leased from Assura. The request received is for Primary Care Sheffield (PCS), a company limited by shares, to become a contractor. This is permissible within PMS regulations and both the regulations, and the procurement position had been reviewed, with the recommendation being that this contract variation should be supported by PCC as it would support the continuity and succession arrangements within that practice where the three current contractors all wish to retire within the next eighteen months. PCS would therefore provide stability and support and would also become the lessee of the premises.

PCS heard that view had been reached working collectively with NHS England.

The Primary Care Sub-Committee supported all five contract variation requests and recommended their approval to the ICB Board.

4. GP Contract Changes for 2023/24

PCC were informed of the changes to the GP contract for 2023/24 were announced by NHS England on 6 March 2023 and that further detail was awaited on the detail of the changes imposed on General Medical Service (GMS) and PMS contract holders.



PCC considered that the potential financial impact of the contract on practices and Primary Care Network provision presented a risk that should be escalated to the Sheffield Place Executive Team and agreed to receive a regular update on the Contract changes at future meetings

5. Recommendations

Sheffield Health and Care Partnership Board is asked to:

- consider the report of the Sheffield Primary Care Sub-Committee;
- approve the PCC terms of reference as amended and attached at appendix 1 to this report; and
- recommend that the ICB Board approve the contract variations set out in this report.