

**CCG REPORT COVER SHEET**

<b>Meeting Title:</b>	<b>Primary Care Commissioning Committee – PUBLIC</b>	<b>Date: 7 June 2022</b>	
<b>Report Title:</b>	<b>Monkfield Medical Practice PCN DES Opt Out</b>	<b>Agenda Item: 2.1</b>	
<b>Chief Officer:</b>	David Parke, Associate Director of Primary Care		
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<b>Document Status:</b>			
<b>Report Summary:</b>	This paper makes a recommendation to the Committee with an options appraisal for the Primary Care network (PCN) services for the patients registered with Monkfield Medical Practice		
<b>Report Purpose:</b>	<b>For Assurance</b>	<b>For Decision</b>	<b>For Approval</b> X <b>For Recommendation</b>
<b>Recommendation:</b>	The Committee is asked to <b>approve</b> the recommendation to move forward with stage 1 of the process to approach existing PCNs via an EOI process and if this is unsuccessful then to move to Stage 2 of the process which is procurement.		
<b>Link to Corporate Objectives: 2020/22</b>	<b>Ensure everyone has the opportunity to improve their health and well-being</b>		X
	<b>Level-up health and care provision to ensure our communities in areas of high deprivation and need get the resources needed to minimise inequalities</b>		X
	<b>Focus time and resources on areas where people receive most of their health and care services, the community</b>		X
	<b>Facilitate organisations to join forces at ‘place’ and offer ‘patient first’ well-co-ordinated efficient services to those who need them.</b>		x
	<b>Deliver our statutory financial commitments as best as possible</b>		X
<b>CAF (Strategic Risk) Reference</b>	<b>Description of Risk</b>		<b>Current Risk Score</b>
<b>CAF 12</b>	Risk of insufficient capacity to meet general practice demand		<b>12 RED</b>
<b>Impact Assessments</b>	<b>Equality</b>	n/a	
	<b>Health Inequalities</b>	n/a	
	<b>Health Impact</b>	n/a	
	<b>Data Privacy</b>	n/a	
	<b>Sustainability</b>	n/a	
	<b>Quality</b>	n/a	
<b>Financial Impact</b>	n/a		
<b>Chief Officer/ SRO Sign Off:</b>	Jessica Bawden, Director of Primary Care, Medicines Optimisation & Out of Hospital Urgent & Emergency Care Collaborative		
<b>Chief Finance Officer Sign Off: (if required)</b>	n/a		
<b>Legal implications</b>	Failure to deliver on the Statutory duties of the CCG under Delegated Commissioning		
<b>Conflicts of Interest</b>	In line with the CCG’s Conflicts of Interest Policy		
<b>Report history:</b>	New report		
<b>Next steps</b>	Pending the support from the Committee regarding the recommendation in the report the CCG will progress with sending out an Expression of Interest (EOI) to all PCNs across Cambridgeshire and Peterborough.		

**MEETING: PRIMARY CARE COMMISSIONING COMMITTEE**

**AGENDA ITEM: 2.1**

**DATE: 7 JUNE 2022**

**TITLE: MONKFIELD MEDICAL PRACTICE (D81637) PCN DES OPT OUT**

**FROM: NICOLA HARRIS & JO FALLON PCN PROGRAMME MANAGERS**

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## **1 Background**

- 1.1 The Network Contract Directed Enhanced Service (DES) was introduced during 2019 and will remain in place until at least 31 March 2024. For 2022/23, the Network Contract DES Directions came into force on 1 April 2022 and, following participation in the DES, the requirements on practices and Primary Care Networks (PCNs), as outlined in the Network Contract DES specifications, will apply from that date.
- 1.1.1 On the 29 April 2022, Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) received notification from the GP Partners at Monkfield Medical Practice (D81637), a member of the St Neots PCN, that they intended to serve notice on sign up to and delivery of the PCN DES for 2022/23.
- 1.1.2 The CCG Primary Care Team met with the GP Partners on 6 May 2022 to discuss their intentions and the Partners advised that the decision was due to increasing workforce pressures and demands on services. The GP Partners confirmed that they had considered all options i.e., subcontracting and a silent Partner arrangement within the St Neots PCN and had concluded that withdrawal from the PCN DES was their final decision. As sign up to the PCN DES is optional, the practice is within its rights to opt out of the PCN DES.
- 1.1.3 The CCG discussed the process for opting out of the PCN DES and the implications both financially and operationally with Monkfield Medical Practice, the CCG is assured that the GP Partners at Monkfield Medical Practice are fully aware of all the implications of opting out of the PCN DES.
- 1.1.4 Monkfield Medical Practice have agreed a three month opt out notice period from 29 April 2022, their PCN DES contract will expire on 31 July 2022.
- 1.2 With support from the Local Medical Committee, the CCG is working on a local solution to secure alternative arrangements for Monkfield Medical Practices registered patients (12,000). To enable them to access and benefit from the additional workforce roles and services that the PCN DES offers, so that they are not disadvantaged by this practice opting out.
- 1.2.1 Commissioners are required to ensure that any patients of a practice that is not participating in the Network Contract DES have access to network services elsewhere.

- 1.2.2 Having discussed the option to retain the patients and all funding associated with the PCN DES with the Clinical Director (CD) at St Neots PCN, the CCG has been advised that the PCN does not have the capacity or resource to continue serving this population and therefore the Commissioner is required to find alternative arrangements.
- 1.2.3 The CCG, in conjunction with the Local Medical Committee (LMC), will work with St Neots PCN to support the transition of Monkfield Medical Practice exiting the PCN including any workforce implications from the Additional Roles Reimbursement Scheme (ARRS) that may affect staff already in post and future roles.
- 1.3 The purpose of this report is for the Committee to consider the options and approve the recommendation to move forward with stage 1 of the process to approach alternative PCNs via an expression of interest (EOI) process to seek a local solution to the delivery of PCN DES services to the patients at Monkfield Medical Practice.
  - 1.3.1. Whilst the offer will be made to all PCNs, consideration must be given to ensuring patients can continue to access services within their residential locality, which may exclude some PCNs whose geographical boundaries do not cover the local footprint of the registered population of Monkfield Medical Practice.
  - 1.3.2 In the event the EOI process is unsuccessful, the Commissioner is required to undertake a procurement exercise to secure an alternative solution.

## **2 Establishing local agreements with a PCN for delivery of network services for patients of a practice not participating in the Network Contract DES**

- 2.1 Commissioners are required to ensure that that any patients of a practice that is not participating in the Network Contract DES have access to network services.
  - 2.1.1 Following the recommendation from NHS England and Improvement (NHS E/I) and the requirements of the PCN DES the CCG is proposing to move forward with stage 1 of the process to facilitate an expression of interest (EOI) process with PCNs whose geographical boundaries cover the local footprint of the registered population of Monkfield Medical Practice.
  - 2.1.2 If following the EOI process, no previously approved PCN is identified or suitable, the CCG is required to move to stage 2 which is Procurement.
  - 2.1.3 Appendix A summarizes the requirements and payments associated with the PCN DES services that are to be provided to the patients of Monkfield Medical Practice.
  - 2.1.4 There is no cost pressure to the CCG as the PCN DES funding associated with Monkfield Medical Practice will be allocated to whoever provides the PCN services for their patients.

The CCG subject to procurement rules, may offer the network service to any suitable provider. In commissioning any suitable provider, this must not be on terms better than those set out in the Network Contract DES (including any additional funding) nor divide the service into smaller components. Non-PCN providers commissioned to deliver network services will not be eligible for the Network Participation Payment.

### **3 Duty of Co-operation**

- 3.1 Monkfield Medical Practice have been made aware they are required to support co-operation between all practices in delivering PCN related services to their patients as detailed in Appendix B.

### **4 RECOMMENDATION**

- 4.1 In order to ensure the patients of Monkfield Medical Practice have access to PCN DES services and are not disadvantaged by this practice opting out, the Committee is asked to **approve** the recommendation:
- To move forward with stage 1 of the process to approach existing PCNs via an EOI process and if this is unsuccessful;
  - To move to Stage 2 of the process which is procurement.

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**Appendix A:** Primary Care Network (PCN) DES 2022/23 – Service Requirements and Payments

**Appendix B:** Primary Care Network (PCN) DES 2022/23 – Duty of Co-operation