

Finance Sub-Committee meeting

Finance Sub-Committee Executive Summary Meeting held on 14 June 2016

- A pilot had been taking place to monitor small value contracts via the Provider Assurance Management System (PAMS). The FSC was asked to approve the purchase of the system on a 1 year or 3 year contract. The FSC asked for further information on this proposal in regard to finances, budget, use of information, triangulation, cost benefit, value for money and resource implications; with a further paper to be submitted to the July FSC with clarity on these areas.
- A procurement exercise is already underway to procure additional dermatology GPwSI services. A further Bexley GP has recently gained dermatology GPwSI accreditation. As there are delays in accessing the community based service, the availability of a further GPwSI would provide the CCG with more options other than secondary care. The FSC agreed the implementation of an additional GPwSI in dermatology to deliver the capacity required to support an increase in activity in community services.
- The 2015/16 Annual Accounts had been audited, approved by the Audit and Integrated Assurance Committee and submitted in accordance with the national timetable. The CCG had met all of its financial statutory duties and a surplus of £169k was delivered. The Annual Report and Accounts has been added to the CCG website and will be formally adopted by the membership at the AGM in September. Thanks were given to the finance team.
- The acute overall position in month 12 showed an over-performance on the acute contracts of 2% against the annual contract value for 2015/16, which is mainly linked to Elective, Emergency, Out Patient Procedures and Critical Care. Year-end figures had been agreed for 2015/16 with Dartford and Gravesham NHS Trust and Lewisham and Greenwich NHS Trust (excluding maternity). A maternity audit is taking place with LGT to inform the final payment.
- The finance risks for 2016/17 have been revised and there are 12 finance risks currently identified for this year. Discussion took place regarding two possible further financial risks to be added regarding over-performance of contracts.



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- An extension to the existing Referral Management and Booking Service (RMBS) contract had been discussed at a Conflict of Interest Panel (COIP) on 7 July. Members of the COIP were all unconflicted and confirmed their support for the extension and re-procurement. The COIP recommended that clinical leadership should be provided by an external clinical lead, or if an individual could not be found, the clinical lead should only see the clinical quality information and that their work should be overseen by the lay secondary care doctor. A tender waiver would be signed to extend the existing RMBS service until 31 May 2017 and a request to re-procure would be considered by the Governing Body meeting on 21 July 2016.
- The Care Homes LES had also been discussed at the COIP on 7 July 2016. The COIP supported the increase in contract value based on benchmarking and the work involved. They supported the approach set out including offering to local GPs initially to ensure care is locally integrated and clear pathways are available for patients. The COIP recommended that the issue of payment for non-elective admissions be reviewed to ensure that this is payment for best practice. The FSC approved the seeking of quotations (not tenders) for the services from our GP Practices. If this fails to provide adequate coverage the offer may be extended to GP Practices which are geographically aligned to the CCG's border.
- The Month 2 finances are in line with plan. In order to meet the planned surplus of £169k the CCG is using contingency funds. Little information has been received from acute trusts for month 2 so a prediction of break-even has been made in most cases. Running costs remain within budget. QIPP delivery is assessed at £8m (93%) of RAG rated QIPP. The Better Practice Payment Code has performed well so far this year. Month 3 is still on track for year to date and forecast outturn, however there is significant overspend in acute, which the CSU team are querying. Discussions are taking place regarding risks in relation to the Cardiology Prime Contractor. Discussions are taking place with budget holders to reduce small overspends. Accruals are also being reviewed.
- No absolute data had been received regarding the performance of acute contracts at month 2 for the Consolidated Contracts Report. Smaller value contracts are being finalised prior to being signed. The wound dressing pathway and service is being reviewed. Physiotherapy referrals to MSK are increasing and ways to address this are being considered. AQP contracts are being reviewed. The Mental Health stocktake continues. The CSU is implementing a new reporting format to give more details in respect of NCA invoices received.
- The Finance Risk Register was discussed.



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- Sarah Blow attended the meeting due to the large number of apologies. Consideration to be given to the nomination of designated deputies for lay members and GPs.

