

Northern CCG Joint Committee

Date of meeting: 4 July 2019

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Title of report: Future Reporting Arrangements for CNE Prescribing Forum

Purpose of report:

The North East and North Cumbria Prescribing Forum was formed with the agreement of the Northern CCG forum to discuss prescribing and Medicines Optimisation issues which were common to all CCGs and to help facilitate a consistent at scale approach. Over the past two years numerous joint initiatives have been discussed, agreed and implemented by the Prescribing Forum across the CNE footprint. The headline initiatives of electronic Repeat Dispensing, Self-Care for common conditions and a common approach to gluten free prescribing have shown measurable savings to the prescribing budget of £2.69million.

The Prescribing Forum is chaired by Dr Graham Syers (GP Prescribing, Northumberland CCG) and has a membership which includes Prescribing Leads, Medical Directors and Medicines Optimisation Pharmacists from CCGs and NECS. In addition to this there is Chief Finance Officer and AHSN representation.

In the past the Prescribing Forum has reported into the CNE Elective Care Demand Management Delivery Group, but with group now being stood down, this paper seeks confirmation of the future reporting arrangements for the Prescribing Forum.

Recommendations:

1. It is recommended that CCGs continue to support the need for the collaborative approach of the Prescribing Forum and support representation by nominated GPs/Pharmacists from their organisations.
2. Given the successes of the Prescribing Forum (see appendix 1) and its collaborative approach it is recommended that the reporting arrangements are to the Northern CCG Joint Committee.
3. Terms of reference (see appendix 2) are due to be reviewed – it is recommended that this will be done once confirmation of reporting arrangements have been made.

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Decision-making

Information Sharing

Discussion

Actions required by Northern CCG Joint Committee:

1. To confirm the ongoing need for the CNE Prescribing Forum and its collaborative approach
2. To support representation by nominated GPs/Pharmacists from their organisations.
3. To agree future reporting arrangements for the CNE Prescribing Forum
4. To agree the review of the TOR of the CNE Prescribing Forum once reporting arrangements have been agreed.

Appendices:**Appendix 1**Prescribing Forum
report to Demand Ma**Appendix 2**CNE Prescribing
Forum TOR - Sept 17**Sponsor:**

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