

NHS North Cumbria CCG Primary Care Commissioning Committee	Agenda Item 3
17 April 2019	

Gain share 2019/20 – Approval of GP Practice Funding

Purpose of the Report							
<p>The CCG has agreed a “gain share” arrangement for the past three years whereby a proportion of savings from reductions in prescribing and direct access diagnostic costs would be re-invested in primary care to pump prime changes in services.</p> <p>The purpose of this report is to seek approval for a similar arrangement for 2019/20 for practices working together within Integrated Care Communities.</p> <p>Whilst it is proposed that the scheme continue in 2019/20 it is suggested that the scheme be revised so that it focuses purely on prescribing and allows a proportion of savings from reductions in prescribing be made available to reinvest in primary care. The gain share arrangement is in line with anticipated developments contained within the recently published revised GP contract “5-year framework”. The anticipated developments within the revised GP contract will become a national reality in 2020/21 and so it is likely that 2019/20 will be the final year of the CCG gain share arrangement.</p>							
Outcome Required:	Approve	x	Ratify		For Discussion		For Information
Assurance Framework Reference:							
As detailed in the Strategic Objectives below.							

Recommendation(s):
The Primary Care Commissioning Committee is asked to approve the ICC gain share agreement for 2019/20.

Executive Summary:
Key Issues: North Cumbria CCG operated a gain share scheme in each of the last three financial years,

2016/17 to 2018/19, with all practices participating within their ICC groupings. The scheme provides funding for ICC practices based on 40% of savings being retained for reinvestment in local priorities (non-recurrent) and 60% being retained by the CCG.

In the first year of the scheme nearly £500,000 was made available for reinvestment. However, in the second year no funds were distributed and that is likely to be the case for the third year. Practices are anticipating that the scheme will continue and it is valued by the ICC GP leads as a significant factor in supporting ICC working and in pump priming needed local developments.

The Committee is asked to formally support the continuation of the scheme in its revised form for 2019/20.

Key Risks:

There are clear rules established as to the application of the gain share and guidance has been issued to practices so risk is low. Further mitigation is provided in allowing the funds to be applied over an unspecified future period to enable optimal application.

Implications/Actions for Public and Patient Engagement:

The funds are intended to specifically “pump prime” new initiatives for the benefit of patients.

Financial Impact on the CCG:

No financial impact in 2019/20.

Strategic Objective(s) supported by this paper:	Please select (X)
Support continuous quality improvement within existing services including General Practice	X
Commission a range of health services, including an increasing range of integrated services, appropriate to our population’s needs	X
Develop our system leadership role (in the context of an integrated health and care system) and our effectiveness as a partner	
Continuously improve our organisation and support our staff to excel	

Impact assessment: (Including Health, Equality, Diversity and Human Rights)	n/a
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Conflicts of Interest Describe any possible Conflicts of interest associated with this paper, and how they will be managed	Any CCG GP Clinical Lead employed at a practice included in the proposal will not take part in the decision making process.
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