

Report to the Commissioning Committee for Primary Care Commissioning on 8 December 2021

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Summary and Purpose of Paper

The purpose of the report is to provide the Somerset Primary Care Commissioning Committee with an update on Primary Care in Somerset.

Recommendations and next steps

The Somerset Primary Care Commissioning Committee is asked to note the updates provided. Further updates will continue to be provided on a quarterly basis.

Impact Assessments – key issues identified

Equality	Not Applicable			
Quality	There is no direct impact on the quality of service delivery as a result of this report. The report provides updates on programmes which will influence the quality of primary care services in Somerset.			
Privacy	Not Applicable.			
Engagement	The outcome of any engagement activities will be reported in the respective item.			
Financial / Resource	Items will contain updates on the financial and resource position, if applicable.			
Governance or Legal	Not Applicable			
Risk Description	The Primary Care risks recorded on the risk register relate to various items which have been previously reported to the Committee. These include areas relating to: GP Workforce Dermatology SHS/SFT Collaborative approach to Primary Care Victoria Park Burnham and Berrow Medical Centre Each risk has its own rating and description.			
Risk Rating	Consequence	Likelihood	RAG Rating	GBAF Ref

PRIMARY CARE UPDATE

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ITEM 1: Current Contracts

GMS	PMS	APMS	Total
47	17	0	64

1.1 Practices with only one GP holding the contract

Practice	Code	CCG	Contract Type	Provider
West Coker Surgery	Y01163	Somerset	GMS	
Tawstock Medical Centre	L85619	Somerset	PMS	

ITEM 2: Mergers and Integrations

2.1 The following mergers and integrations have been approved with effect from various dates from 2019 onwards:

Practices merging from 2019 onwards
Bruton Surgery integrated with Symphony Healthcare Services Ltd 1 February 2019
Harley House Surgery and Irnham Lodge Surgery (Minehead) merged 1 April 2019
Creech Medical Centre integrated with Taunton and Somerset NHS Foundation Trust on 1 April 2019
North Petherton Surgery integrated with Somerset Partnership NHS Foundation Trust on 1 October 2019
Exmoor Medical Centre integrated with Symphony Healthcare Services Ltd on 1 April 2020
Ryalls Park Medical Centre Integration into SHS Ltd took place on 01 April 2021
Creech Medical Centre, Lister House Surgery*, North Petherton Surgery and Warwick House Medical Centre** integrated with SHS Ltd on 1 October 2021 following a transfer from Somerset NHS Foundation Trust

*Lister House Surgery integrated with Taunton and Somerset NHS Foundation Trust in August 2018

**Warwick House Medical Centre integrated with Taunton and Somerset NHS Foundation Trust in April 2017

SHS/SFT Collaborative approach to Primary Care

- 2.2 The successful integration of the 4 Somerset Foundation Trust practices into Symphony Healthcare Services completed on 1 October 2021. It has since been confirmed that all 4 were successfully registered with the CQC following the integration.
- 2.3 All 4 practices have now been removed from the single-handed partner list as both Dr Berge Balian and Dr Iain Phillips are partners on all 4 contracts. This has significantly reduced the risks associated with a single-handed contract holder. SHS are currently embedding their policies and procedures and training all staff on their internal processes regarding incident reporting, risk registers/management and appraisals.
- 2.4 The integration brings benefits to SHS contracts too, providing the ability to maximise the opportunities of being at scale and supporting greater resilience. This has included developing and enhancing hub working and sharing best practice. Whilst it is still early days, SHS want to be at the forefront of innovative working. The CCG and SHS will evaluate the benefits of integration and will provide updates in future Primary Care Update reports.

ITEM 3: Contract Expiries and Procurements

Contract Expiries

3.1 There are currently none in Somerset.

Contract Terminations

3.2 There are currently none in Somerset.

Contract Procurement

3.3 There are currently none in Somerset

ITEM 4: Temporary Practice Closures

Temporary Practice Closures

4.1 The table below details the number of applications received since the October 2021:

Practice	Date of proposed closure	Status
Warwick House Medical Practice	26/01/2022 13:30-18:30	Approved
	22/02/2022 13:30-18:30	
	22/03/2022 13:30-18:30	
	27/04/2022 13:30-18:30	
	26/05/2022 13:30-18:30	
	28/06/2022 13:30-18:30	
	27/07/2022 13:30-18:30	
	25/08/2022 13:30-18:30	
	22/09/2022 13:30-18:30	
	25/10/2022 13:30-18:30	
	23/11/2022 13:30-18:30	
	13/12/2022 13:30-18:30	
North Curry Health Centre	30/09/2021 13:00-16:30	Approved
	28/10/2021 13:00-16:30	
	25/11/2021 13:00-16:30	
	30/12/2021 13:00-16:30	
	27/01/2022 13:00-16:30	
	24/02/2022 13:00-16:30	
	31/03/2022 13:00-16:30	
	28/04/2022 13:00-16:30	
	31/03/2022 13:00-16:30	
	28/04/2022 13:00-16:30	
	26/05/2022 13:00-16:30	
	30/06/2022 13:00-16:30	
	28/07/2022 13:00-16:30	
25/08/2022 13:00-16:30		
Lyngford Park Surgery	09/12/2021 12:00-16:00	Approved
Queen Camel Medical Centre	21/10/2021 13:00-17:00	Approved

Penn Hill Surgery	17/11/2021 13:30-17:00	Approved
	16/12/2021 13:30-17:00	
	26/10/2021 13:30-17:00	
Wells City Practice	06/12/2021 13:00-17:30	Approved
Taunton Road Medical Centre	15/11/2021 08:30-11:30	Approved
	17/01/2022 08:30-11:30	
	21/02/2022 08:30-11:30	
	21/03/2022 08:30-11:30	
	16/05/2022 08:30-11:30	
	20/06/2022 08:30-11:30	
	18/07/2022 08:30-11:30	
	19/09/2022 08:30-11:30	
	17/10/2022 08:30-11:30	
	21/11/2022 08:30-11:30	

ITEM 5: Practice Boundary Changes

- 5.1 There have been no formal applications received for a closure or a change.
- 5.2 Following the submission of a boundary change application from Brent Area which was reviewed by the Primary Care Operation Group in August 2021, a decision was made to defer a decision based on concerns regarding the sustainability of Burnham and Berrow Medical Centre, who border Brent Area Medical Practice, therefore we requested further information to support the application. We remain in discussion with the practice in order to agree a mutually agreeable position, aligning their practice boundary with the contractual boundary as detailed in their 2004 GMS contract. This would not require a boundary change and would support the sustainability of all practices in the North Sedgemoor PCN area.

ITEM 6: Branch Surgery Closures and Changes

- 6.1 There have been no formal applications received for a closure or a change.

ITEM 7: Contract Breach and Remedial Notices

- 7.1 No New contract breaches or remedial notices have been issued.

ITEM 8: Contract Appeals

- 8.1 No new contractual appeals have been received.

ITEM 9: Sub-Contracting/Practices Working at Scale

- 9.1 No new sub-contracting arrangements since the last report.

ITEM 10: Premises

Rent Reviews

- 10.1 There are currently a number of on-going rent and lease reviews; recent rent reviews include the below:

Practice	Current status
Somerset Bridge Medical Centre (with NHS E)	On-going
Taunton Road Medical Centre	On-going
Church View Medical Centre	On-going
Exmoor Medical Centre	On-going
Tawstock Medical Centre	On-going
Crewkerne Health Centre	On-going
Ryalls Park Medical Centre	On-going
Essex House Medical Centre	On-going
Preston Grove Medical Centre	In Dispute
Penn Hill Surgery	On-going

ITEM 11: GP Community Pharmacist Consultation Service

- 11.1 The GP Community Pharmacist Consultation Service (CPCS) has been running in Somerset since June 2021 and has proved very successful. To date 42 practices have utilised the service and over 3,600 patients have been successfully supported for a range of minor conditions. As a system, we have seen month on month growth and Somerset CCG and Somerset CPCS implementation team are continuing to work with and support all remaining practices who are yet to participate in the service. To compliment the implementation and delivery of the Service, Somerset CCG communications team will be running a range of campaigns to raise further awareness of the service to our patients. As we enter the pressures of winter, the service will be well placed to continue to ensure the patients of Somerset can continue to receive the right care, in the right place, at the right time with the right professional.

ITEM 12: Flu Vaccinations

- 12.1 Frontline healthcare workers vaccinations are now progressing across Somerset with, as of mid-October, YDH at 46% and Somerset FT at 44%. At least 80% of Flu vaccine orders should have been delivered to GP practices with only minor delays reported. LMC have not raised any concerns.
- 12.2 LPC report Community Pharmacies in Somerset have already delivered more flu vaccinations at this point than they did in the whole of last year's season. Extra communications have been launched nationally and locally to encourage uptake.
- 12.3 Workforce and capacity risk exists in delivering the COVID and FLU schools vaccination programme. Risk exists to system should COVID and Flu vaccinations be made mandatory for healthcare staff.

- 12.4 Region have provided the end of October position as attached and have raised concern re the lower uptake of flu vaccine in a number of groups compared to this time last year. A summary of uptake can be found in Encl Gi and Gii. Particular concern exists for;
- 2-3 year olds – which if we get flu outbreak combined with RSV pressures risks overwhelming systems paediatric care
 - Schools Flu program – as this group will be super spreaders of any flu outbreaks the low / late vaccination will impact on system pressures
 - Pregnant uptake – again low so this group will be at high risk of ICU requirement should we get a flu outbreak
 - Care home uptake for flu vaccinations – even in a good year flu vaccines have limited efficiency in this group so low / delayed flu vaccination rate will cause admissions etc
 - At risk groups – currently low uptake.

ITEM 13: Workforce Update

- 13.1 PCNs continue to progress recruitment under the reimbursable roles programme (ARRS), the data table has been updated based on October PCN workforce planning returns. This gives the projected position should the PCNs recruitment intentions be realised. Discussions continue with CSU regarding increased data analyst capacity to help the workforce programme.
- 13.2 Particular focus has been on implementing the GP Flexible pool, the digital platform for matching and booking has been purchased and the first practices are being prepared for onboarding. It is likely that the platform will feature significantly in the winter access plans for bringing in additional capacity.

PCN	Role	Aug-21	Sep-21	Oct-21	Nov-21	Dec-21	Jan-22	Feb-22	Mar-22
Somerset	Care co-ordinator	26.2	28.2	33.2	34.2	34.2	40.7	40.7	40.7
	Clinical Pharmacist	19.2	21.2	22.0	22.4	22.4	25.0	25.0	25.0
	Dietitian	0.0	0.0	3.0	3.0	3.0	5.0	5.0	5.0
	First contact physiotherapist	13.7	16.8	21.8	23.7	23.7	25.4	25.4	25.4
	Health and wellbeing coach	43.1	45.4	58.4	69.9	69.9	75.3	75.3	75.3
	Nursing Associate	0.0	0.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0
	Occupational therapist	1.0	1.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	8.0	8.0	8.0
	Pharmacy technician	8.3	9.3	9.5	13.5	13.5	17.5	17.5	17.5
	Physician associate	1.8	1.8	1.8	1.8	1.8	4.8	4.8	4.8
	Podiatrist/Chiropodist	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
	Social Prescribing link worker	0.0	0.0	4.0	6.2	6.2	6.2	6.2	6.2
	Trainee Nursing Associate	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
	Paramedic	1.0	1.6	2.6	4.6	4.6	14.2	14.2	14.2
	Adult MH Practitioner	0.0	2.0	7.0	9.0	9.0	10.0	10.0	10.0
	CYP MH Practitioner	0.0	1.0	4.0	6.0	6.0	8.0	8.0	8.0
	TOTAL	114.2	128.4	173.4	200.4	200.4	241.2	241.2	241.2

ITEM 14: COVID-19 Update

- 14.1 The Somerset Vaccination Programme has now given over 1 million vaccinations. Primary Care Networks (PCNs) continue to be integral to the Covid mass vaccination programme, with the 5 PCNs that opted into Phase 3 providing booster doses to 45,700 residents of Somerset in the eligible cohort (50+ years of age). As a system, over 77% of our patients aged 80+ have now received their booster. Almost all care homes across Somerset have now been visited by the PCNs with some limited mop up still to be completed. Booster doses for housebound patients is underway, and we will shortly be writing to all those aged 70+ and those on Learning Disability Registers that haven't already received a booster dose to access one. The programme will be asking opted out practices to identify individuals aged 70+ and those on the LD register so that as a central programme we can ensure that those with the highest clinical risk are able to access a local booster through the opted in PCNs where possible. This is a

similar approach to that already taken for those classified as immunosuppressed who were recently invited to access a 3rd primary dose.

- 14.2 On the 15 November 2021 the government announced that individuals in cohort 10 (40 – 49 years of age) are now eligible for a Covid booster, alongside a second dose offer for 16- and 17-year-olds. We are confident that the system has the required vaccination capacity to meet the needs of the additional cohorts, although this does mean that the vaccination delivery programme shows no signs of reducing in either its pace or scale.
- 14.3 We continue to work closely with the PCNs that opted into the current programme and thank them for their flexibility and continued effort to ensure that the Somerset population has access to effective Covid vaccination.
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