

L&SC Integrated Care Board
Primary Care Contracts Sub-Committee

Date of meeting*	12 February 2026
Title of paper*	Primary Care Contracts Sub-committee Escalation and Assurance Report
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Agenda Item	8b
Confidential	No

Purpose of the paper

The paper is the escalation and assurance report from the formal sub-committee groups.

Executive Summary

The paper highlights key matters, issues, and risks discussed at the group meetings detailed below to advise, assure and alert the Primary Care Contracts Sub-committee.

- Primary Medical Services Group: Peter Tinson (Director of Primary and Community Commissioning)
- Primary Dental Services Group: Amy Lepiorz (Associate Director Primary Care)
- Pharmaceutical Services Group: Amy Lepiorz (Associate Director Primary Care)
- Primary Optometric Services Group: Dawn Haworth (Head of Delivery)
- Primary Care Capital Group: Donna Roberts (Associate Director Primary Care)

It also highlights any issues or items referred or escalated to Committees or the Board.

Reports approved by the chair each group are presented to sub-committee to provide assurance that the groups have met in accordance with their terms of reference and to advise the sub-committee of the business transacted.

Recommendations

The Primary Care Contracts Sub-committee is requested to:

- **Receive and note** the Alert, Assure, Advise (AAA) reports from the five primary care groups

Governance and reporting* (list other forums that have discussed this paper and any other engagement that has taken place)

Meeting	Date	Outcomes
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Primary Medical Services Group	7 th January 2026			To provide oversight to the Primary Care Contracts Sub-committee of the business conducted at the groups during this period.			
Primary Dental Services Group	15 th January 2026						
Primary Optometric Services Group	No Meeting Held						
Pharmaceutical Services Group	21 st January 2026						
Primary Care Capital Group	14 th January 2026						
Conflicts of interest identified							
Implications							
<i>If yes, please provide a brief risk description and reference number</i>	YES	NO	N/A	Comments			
Quality impact assessment completed			X				
Equality impact assessment completed			X				
Privacy impact assessment completed			X				
Financial impact assessment completed			X				
Associated risks	X			Any risks for sub-committee awareness are included in this triple A report			
Are associated risks detailed on the ICS Risk Register?	X			Where applicable			

Report authorised by	Craig Harris, Chief Operating Officer
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ICB Primary Care Contracts Sub-committee

February 2026

Sub-committee Escalation and Assurance Report

1. Introduction

1.1 This report highlights key matters and issues discussed at the group meetings since the last report to advise, assure and alert the sub-committee.

Committee: Primary Medical Services Group	Date: 7th January 2026	Chair: Peter Tinson
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Key Items Discussed		
Issue	Committee Update	Action
Alert	Nothing to Escalate	
Advise		
Application to Merge P81664 Park Medical Practice and P81046 Park View Surgery	<p>The group received a proposal to merge Park Medical Practice and Park View Surgery that are based in Preston to create a more resilient and sustainable service.</p> <p>Patient engagement showed mostly positive feedback, with concerns addressed by keeping all sites open. The merger would proceed by closing Park View's contract and continuing under Park Medical Practice's contract.</p> <p>There would be no financial impact on the ICB, and all regulatory and engagement requirements had been met, and no staff reductions were planned.</p> <p>The group agreed to approve the termination of contract P81046 which would enable both practices to operate under one GMS contract P81664.</p>	<p>Delivery Assurance Team to contact practice and the merger documentation will be completed, and the merger process will begin.</p>

<p>Capacity and Access Improvement Payment Update – 2025/2026</p>	<p>The paper detailed the status of claims submitted by PCNs, indicating which had been received, reviewed and approved, and which remained pending review.</p> <p>Current Position:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Four PCNs have submitted claims that have been reviewed and approved. • One claim has been received but is still awaiting review. <p>The group noted those PCNs who have declared and whose submissions have not yet been reviewed. The Group is also asked to note the PCNs who have declared and had their claims reviewed, approved and put forward for payment.</p>	
<p>Buckshaw Village Surgery Y02466 – Continuity of Primary Care Medical Services to the Registered Population</p>	<p>The 10-year contract is nearing expiry, and the group considered options which included a contract extension, procurement and list dispersal. -year contract is nearing expiry, and the options considered include a contract extension, full re-procurement, or dispersal of the patient list.</p> <p>Dispersal was not considered to be a viable option due to limited capacity in neighbouring practices. -month extension to allow time for a full procurement process, subject to legal review of the contract provisions and feasibility of the extension.</p> <p>The group explored a contract extension and asked for further assurance regarding matters including succession planning, patient access and premises lease.</p>	<p>Further assurance to be sought from the current contract holder and an update provided at the next meeting.</p>
<p>Coniston Medical Practice – Procurement Update</p>	<p>It was confirmed that the contract had been advertised with applications closing in early February.</p>	<p>Recommendation to Primary Care Contracts Sub-committee.</p>

	<p>It was acknowledged that there were two potential outcomes, a successful bidder or no applications/successful bidder. The responses to both potential outcomes were considered.</p> <p>A paper would be received by the Primary Care Contracts Sub-committee to confirm the outcome and recommend next steps.</p>	
Assure		
Review of Group Terms of Reference	<p>The group undertook an annual review of its Terms of Reference. It was acknowledged that more substantial amendments may be required in response to potential ICB commissioning governance changes.</p> <p>No changes were proposed.</p>	None.

2. Summary of items or issues referred to other committees or the Board over the reporting period.

Committee and Date	Item or Issue	Referred to
Primary Medical Services Group 7 th January 2026	Coniston Medical Practice – Procurement Update	Primary Care Contracts Sub-committee

Committee: Primary Care Dental Services Group	Date: 15 th January 2026	Chair: Amy Lepiorz
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Key Items Discussed		
Issue	Committee Update	Action
Alert		Nothing to Escalate
Advise		
King Street Dental Surgery	<p>A report and verbal update was presented to the group on the current position.</p> <p>The group noted the content of the report and agreed to the following actions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Issue a not satisfied letter • Issue a 3rd remedial notice • Write a report for recommendation to Primary Care Contracts Sub-committee. 	<p>Issue a not satisfied letter</p> <p>Issue a 3rd remedial notice</p> <p>Write a report for recommendation to Primary Care Contracts Sub-committee.</p>
Dental Contract Handback	<p>Detail of a contract hand back was highlighted under the contract changes and contract handbacks spreadsheet.</p> <p>The contract will end on 31st March 2026 with the provider sighting the National Contract Reform for the reason for this decision. The contract provides a service to approximately 3,000 patients.</p>	
National Contract Reforms – Urgent/Unscheduled Care Activity Requirement	The National Contract Reform - Urgent/Unscheduled Care activity is effective from 1st April 2026. A piece of work is going to take place to understand the level of risk this may	The contract reforms are to be reported separately and in detail to the Primary

	have on the response from dental contractors and any financial impact to the organisation.	Care Contracts Sub-committee
Assure		
Delegated Services Assurance Framework - Quarter 3	No areas rated as amber or red that require escalation to the Primary Care Contracts Sub Committee. The group noted and approved the content of the report.	

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Committee and Date	Item or Issue	Referred to

Committee: Pharmaceutical Services Group	Date 21.01.2026	Chair: Amy Leprioz
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Key Items Discussed		
Issue	Committee Update	Action
Alert		
Consideration of removal of LPSD Fifty Four Ltd – Deepdale Premises (FC739)	Written representations provided by the contractor did not give the ICB full assurances that the contractor would not continue to breach their Terms of Service and the pharmacy remains closed, therefore the decision was made to remove the contractor from the Pharmaceutical List	Inform Contractor giving 30 days to appeal decision. Inform the LPC
Consideration of removal of LPSD Fifty Four Ltd – Knott End Premises (FQW52)	Written representations provided by the contractor did not give the ICB full assurances that the contractor would not continue to breach their	Inform Contractor giving 30 days to appeal the decision. Inform the LPC

	Terms of Service and the pharmacy remains closed, therefore the decision was made to remove the contractor from the Pharmaceutical List	
Consideration of removal of SNJ Health Ltd – Sedbergh Pharmacy (FNG70)	<p>Written representations provided by the contractor gave assurances to the ICB that the contractor would no longer breach their Terms of Service as the pharmacy is open and providing full NHS Pharmaceutical services.</p> <p>Decision made to allow the contractor to remain on the Pharmaceutical List.</p>	Inform Contractor Inform LPC
Advise		
Consolidation – BMT Healthcare (FPK28 & FFL68)	<p>An application has been received from BMT Healthcare North Ltd who operate a 40-hour pharmacy based at 22-26 Rosegrove Lane, Burnley, BB12 6HX. BMT Healthcare North Ltd would like to consolidate onto Kiddrow Lane Health Centre, Kiddrow Lane, Burnley, BB12 6LH.</p> <p>The contractor has met all the regulation tests.</p> <p>Approved</p>	Complete paperwork and send to PCSE
No Significant Change Relocation – Silverdale Pharmacy (FWW16)	An application has been received from Silverdale Pharmacy Ltd t/a Silverdale Pharmacy who	Complete paperwork and send to PCSE

	<p>operate a pharmacy at 18 Emesgate Lane, Silverdale, Carnforth, LA5 0RA and wishes to relocate to 17 Emesgate Lane, Silverdale, Carnforth, LA5 0RA.</p> <p>The contractor has met all regulation tests.</p> <p>Approved</p>	
Assure		

2. Summary of items or issues referred to other committees or the Board over the reporting period.

Committee and Date	Item or Issue	Referred to

Committee: Primary Care Capital Group	Date: 14 January 2026	Chair: Donna Roberts (Chair)
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Key Items Discussed		
Issue	Committee update	Action
Alert		
General Practice – Notional Rent revaluations.	The group reviewed the District Valuation Offices' tri-annual reports for notional rents for a number of practices. All revaluations were approved and are	Issue documentation to practices notifying and requesting acceptance of the revised values.

	reported in line with the Premises Cost Directions (2013 or 2024), with one exception where further information and review was advised by the group before progressing.	
Advise		
GPIT Applications	<p>The group undertook a review of two GPIT project Initiation Document (PID). The PID's submitted are in line with the guidance on GPIT investments, has been developed to investment further in multi-year GPIT software licences as well as further investment in IT equipment</p> <p>In accordance with the decision-making matrix the PIDs have been approved and will progress to NHS England for their formal approval.</p>	Submit the PIDs to NHS England North West for formal approval, authorisation of the PID from the ICB Director of Finance, NHSE Director of Digital, NHSE NW Regional Director of Finance
Assure		
None		

3. Conclusion

3.1 Each of the service groups has conducted their business in line with their terms of reference.

4. Recommendations

4.1 The Primary Care Contracts Sub-committee is requested to:

- Receive and note the Alert, Assure and Advise (AAA) reports from the five primary care groups.

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