
To: Renfrewshire Integration Joint Board

On: 28 June 2019

Report by: Chief Officer

Heading: Provision of Primary Medical Services - Tender for a New Contractor

1. Purpose

1.1 The purpose of this report is to update the Integration Joint Board on work underway to tender for a new contractor. This requirement has arisen as a result of the departure of the previous GP contractor providing primary medical services (located in the GP Practice at Erskine Health Centre, Bargarran Erskine) from 1 March 2019. It is prudent for the Health Board/HSCP to consider the possible options available following this contract termination.

The four options available for consideration include:

- Option 1 – disperse patients
 - Option 2 – allocate patients to an existing contractor
 - Option 3 – tender for a new contractor
 - Option 4 – 2c practice.
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2. Summary

2.1 NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde has been looking after the patients of the former practice as a directly managed practice (2c practice) from 2 March 2019 to the present following the departure of the previous GP contractor.

2.2 During this transition period sufficient locum GP cover has been provided, to ensure the highest standards of clinical care are maintained. GP, Practice Nurse and Health Care Assistant appointments, prescriptions and all current services are available as normal.

2.3 A range of media has been used to effectively communicate and engage with patients and staff on how this change affects them, with a number of patient drop-in sessions held in February and March 2019. TUPE regulations currently apply to all staff employed within this practice.

2.4 On the 25 April 2019, a meeting was held to consider all options available and agree next steps for the GP practice. The decision was made to progress work to tender for a new contractor to support continuation of services and minimise risk. The HSCP Chief Officer, Acting Clinical Director, Head of Primary Care Support, Primary Care Development Manager, Change & Improvement Officer and Local Area Medical Committee, GP Sub Committee Representative were in attendance at this meeting.

3. **Next Steps - Tendering for a new contractor or allocate to an existing contractor**

3.1 On progressing work to tender for a new contractor for the GP Practice at Erskine Health Centre, Bargarran Erskine, Primary Care Support have prepared all relevant tender documents and will advertise the vacancy in the BMJ and will email all GP practices in NHSGG&C. The timeline for the procurement process is expected to run from June to October 2019.

3.2 An interview panel will be established. This panel will consist of a non-executive member of the Health Board, a local Clinical Director, representative from the local Area Medical Committee GP Sub Committee and a lay-person/patient representative. This panel will shortlist applications (if required) and conduct the interviews and make a recommendation to the Chief Executive as to how the new contract should be allocated. Panel members should be objective and have no personal interest in the outcome of the tendering process.

3.3 The successful provider will be required to enter into a contract with NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde on:

- **The terms of the General Medical Services Contract (“GMS Contract”)** the form of which is prescribed by The National Health Service (General Medical Services Contracts) (Scotland) Regulations 2018 or
- **A Primary Medical Services agreement (“PMS Agreement”)** the form of which is prescribed by The National Health Service (Primary Medical Services Section 17c Agreements) (Scotland) Regulations 2018.

4. **Recommendation:**

It is recommended that the IJB:

- Note the content of the report to tender for a new contractor.
- Note until new contract is awarded the Health Board/HSCP will continue to directly manage the GP Practice at Erskine Health Centre, Bargarran Erskine.

Implications of the Report

1. **Financial** – Nil.
2. **HR & Organisational Development** – Arrangements to transfer staff under TUPE to their new employer with require HR input.
3. **Community Planning** – Nil.
4. **Legal** – Nil.
5. **Property/Assets** – Nil.
6. **Information Technology** – Managing information and making information available may require ICT input.
7. **Equality & Human Rights** – The recommendations contained within this report have been assessed in relation to their impact on equalities and human rights. No negative impacts on equality groups or potential for infringement have been identified arising from the recommendations contained in the report. If required following implementation, the actual impact of the recommendations and the mitigating actions

will be reviewed and monitored, and the results of the assessment will be published on the Council's website.

8. **Health & Safety** – Nil.
 9. **Procurement** – Arrangements to tender for a new contract with require procurement input.
 10. **Risk** – If we fail to appoint a new contractor, alternatives arrangements would need to be considered.
 11. **Privacy Impact** – None.
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List of Background Papers: None.

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