
Scrutiny Briefing Report to: Overview and Scrutiny Committee
(Adult Social Care and Health)

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Purpose/Summary

This paper and accompanying power point presentation describes the National and Local landscape for primary medical care across NHS South Sefton and NHS Southport and Formby Clinical Commissioning Groups.

Recommendation(s)

Members of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee (Adult Social Care) are requested to receive this report.

Primary care in Sefton

1. Introduction and Background

NHS Southport and Formby Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) and NHS South Sefton CCG are joint commissioners with NHS England (NHSE) for primary medical care. This enables both CCGs to jointly commission general practice services with NHSE through a joint committee.

There is an ambition to move towards **delegated commissioning**, which is an opportunity for CCGs to take on full responsibility for the commissioning of general practice services

There is one management structure across both CCGs in Sefton for primary medical care, with a close working relationship with key commissioning and transformation staff from NHSE (Cheshire and Merseyside).

There are 49 GP practices across Sefton with a combined registered population of 280,108 actual patients, 301153.63 weighted population (April 2018).

CCGs are responsible for commissioning Out of Hours GP services. These are primary medical services provided between 18.30pm and 08.00am Monday to Friday, and 24 hours on Saturdays and Sundays. There is one provider commissioned across Sefton to deliver this service.

Both Sefton CCGs commission activity from general practice through a Local Quality Contract (LQC), above and beyond what is already commissioned by NHSE. These activities are based upon local population need and are intended to raise quality within general practice.

2. National Summary

General practice is at the heart of NHS care. NHS England published the General Practice Forward View (GPFV) in April 2016, which sets out support for primary medical care over a five year period.

The GPFV provides help for struggling practices, plans to reduce workload, expansion of a wider workforce, investment in technology and estates, and a national development programme to speed up transformation of services.

There are five key areas identified for support:

Investment: NHSE is beginning to reverse historic underinvestment in general practice with real terms funding increasing by eight percent in the last three years. By 2021, an extra £2.4 billion will go into general practice each year.

Workforce: There will be at least 10,000 more staff working in general practice by 2020/21 - 5,000 more doctors and 5,000 other staff like clinical pharmacists, nurses, and physicians associates.

Workload: One of the biggest challenges facing general practice is the workload placed on staff and practices. Practices are being supported to reduce and better manage their workload.

Practice Infrastructure: Investing in improving GP buildings and technology as well as range of other support. This is designed to improve services for patients and enable a wider range of health services closer to where they live.

Care Redesign: Supporting practices to strengthen and redesign general practice, including delivering extended access in primary care and to find new ways of working through training and development.

The Royal College of General Practitioners has produced a document 'The 2022 GP – A Vision for General Practice in the Future NHS', which outlines six objectives for the 2022 GP action plan:

- 1 – Promote a greater understanding of generalist care and demonstrate its value to the health service
- 2 – Develop new generalist led integrated services to deliver personalised, cost –effective care
- 3 – Expand the capacity of the general practice workforce to meet population and service needs
- 4 – Enhance the skills and flexibility of the general practice workforce to provide complex care
- 5 – Support the organizational development of community based practices, teams and networks
- 6 – Increase community based academic activity to improve effectiveness, research and quality

3. Local Summary - NHS Southport and Formby CCG

NHS Southport and Formby CCG has 19 GP practices commissioned through various types of contracts. There are several providers across Southport and Formby who hold more than one contract.

There are 15 GP trainers working across Southport and Formby working in seven practices.

There are four geographical localities across Southport and Formby, each practice is aligned to a locality. Localities meet bi-monthly to discuss and develop plans for their populations.

Each practice is a constituent member of NHS Southport and Formby CCG, a clinical representative from each practice is invited to attend four wider group meetings per year.

There is an active GP Federation comprising of 15 Southport and Formby GP practices who share resources across practices to provide economy of scale, and who currently provide a cardiology service across the CCG footprint.

There are two Southport and Formby GP practices that have collaborated with a number of West Lancashire GP practices to form North West Health Alliance. This is an example of integration and working at scale to provide primary medical services.

Southport and Formby GP practices are engaged with GPFV programmes.

More detailed primary care information is available at appendix 1.

4. Local Summary – NHS South Sefton CCG

NHS South Sefton CCG has 30 GP practices commissioned through various types of contracts. There are several providers across south Sefton who hold more than one contract.

There are 15 GP trainers across the south Sefton footprint working in seven GP practices

There are four geographical localities across south Sefton, each practice is aligned to a locality. Localities meet monthly to discuss and develop plans for their populations.

Each practice is a constituent member of NHS South Sefton CCG, a clinical representative from each practice is invited to attend four wider group meetings per year.

A GP Federation is newly formed, comprising of 19 SS GP practices, the intention of the Federation is to become a provider organisation to deliver services at scale.

South Sefton GP practices are engaged with GPFV programmes.

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Appendices

Appendix 1 – Overview and Scrutiny General Practice Update Power Point Presentation

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