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Report Title:	NHS England update
Decisions to be made:	N/A

Continue to improve the quality of services	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Improve patient experience	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Reduced unwarranted variations in services	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Reduce the inequalities gap in North Lincolnshire	<input type="checkbox"/>
Deliver the best outcomes for every patient	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Statutory/Regulatory	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Executive Summary (Question, Options, Recommendations):	
<p>This report is to update the Committee on matters pertaining to primary medical care within NHS England.</p> <p>These being:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Update on Market Hill Practice procurement • Clinical Pharmacists in General Practice Scheme • The Birches Medical Practice – confirmation of virtual decisions made • PMS/APMS Uplift 	

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North Lincolnshire update

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Market Hill APMS Procurement Update

As notified at the last Committee meeting, the short term procurement for the Market Hill practice resulted in the contract being awarded to the interim provider, Core Care Links Ltd. Mobilisation has taken place and the contract start date was 1 April 2017. It has been reported during the mobilisation that the list size at the practice appeared to have decreased. Core Care Links Ltd have confirmed that although their list is now increasing the initial drop was due to a list cleansing exercise undertaken to remove appropriate patients that left the practice whilst Danum Medical Services Ltd still held the contract.

The long term procurement exercise is now underway and an update will be reported by North Lincolnshire CCG in a separate report to the Committee.

Action for the committee:

The Committee is asked to note this update.

Clinical Pharmacists in General Practice

The General Practice Forward View committed to over £100m of investment to support an extra 1,500 clinical pharmacists to work in General Practice by 2020/21. This is in addition to over 490 clinical pharmacists already working in general practice as part of a pilot, launched in July 2015. NHS England, Health Education England, the Royal College of General Practitioners and the British Medical Association's GP Committee are working with the Royal Pharmaceutical Society to support this.

Providers participating in the programme will receive funding for three years to recruit and establish clinical pharmacists in their general practices for the long term. The next wave of applications are due by 26 May 2017 and the CCG is asked to remind practices of this timescale.

Action for the committee:

The Committee is asked to note this update.

Request from the Birches Medical Practice

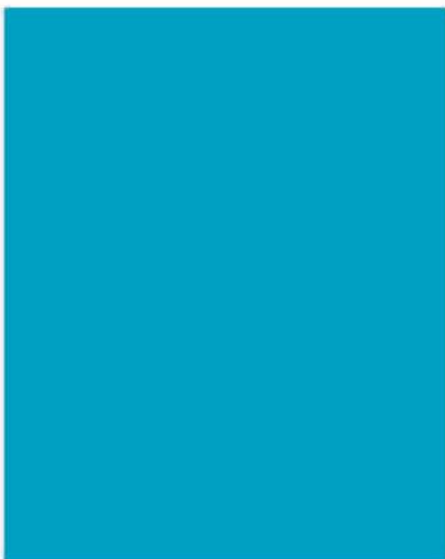
The Birches Medical Practice in Scunthorpe submitted two requests to NHS England as follows:

- Request to temporarily close their practice list
- Change their opening hours at their branch surgery at Ashby Clinic

The following report was prepared and circulated by virtual means to the Committee in February 2017.

Application for
Temporary
Patient List
Closure and
Change of
Hours at Ashby
Branch Surgery

The Birches



Introduction

The Birches Medical Practice (Practice Code –B81617) has applied to temporarily close their list for a period of six months and to amend their surgery hours at their branch surgery. The practice is located at the following addresses:-

Ironstone Centre
West Street
Scunthorpe
DN15 6HX

With a branch surgery at:-

Ashby Clinic
Collum Lane
Scunthorpe
DN16 2RZ

The practice is made up of the following GPs and Health Care Professionals:-

Health Care Professional	Total Number employed	WTE
GPs	3	2
Advanced Care Practitioners	1	1
Practice Nurses	2	1
Health Care Assistants	2	1.5
Other:	1 ECP	1

The table below confirms the list size over the past 12 months:-

Quarter 1 31/03/16	Quarter 2 30/06/16	Quarter 3 30/09/16	Quarter 4 31/12/16	Total movement from 31/03/16 to 31/12/16	% increase / decrease
9,360	9,443	9,464	9,471	111	1.19%

Regulations

The Policy Book for Primary Medical Services allow for a contractor to apply to NHS England to close their list and amend their surgery hours.

Practice List application

The practice application has included the following information:-

- The practice feel they are unable to provide the volume of demand for appointments and feel that in order to maintain a safe and sustainable care programme, they need to halt any further registration of patients to the practice.
- The practice have discussed the application with their patients through their Patient Participation Group, who are fully supportive of the application. The practice have also discussed their application with neighbouring practices and of the contractors they have spoken to, all understand the pressures that the practice are facing.
- The practice would appreciate any support from the Commissioners in sourcing and funding a suitable Salaried GP.
- In an attempt to increase capacity the practice have implemented Telephone Triage, promoted the use of the pharmacies minor ailment schemes at both of the practice sites and introduced a GP Task List giving an additional 30 slots a day for patient enquiries.
- The practice hope that by the temporary List closure being approved it will enable the practice to look at new ways of working and identify any improvements needed to be taken forward. The practice would have the time to explore the possibility of recruitment in different areas, including the use of prescribing Pharmacists. The practice intend for this piece of work to be undertaken by all the Partners and the Practice Manager with the hope of a resolution by September 2017, enabling the Practice list to re-open.

Consultation with neighbouring practices and LMC

In line with NHS England's Policy Book for Primary Medical Services, the following practices, the CCG and the LMC Group Humberside have been consulted.

Comments received following the consultation:-

Practice	Comments received
West Common Lane Teaching Practice	Having spoken with the partners our only concern is that being a town practice, closing their list, even for 6 months, will put additional capacity pressure on the remaining practices. In addition, we should also be concerned about a 'domino' effect should other practices decide to apply for the same.

LMC	<p>The LMC has considered the application for The Birches Medical Practice to close their list.</p> <p>General practice is currently under significant pressure in terms of workload and practices that apply to close their lists do not undertake such an application lightly. If a practice considers that their level of workload is jeopardising their ability to provide safe care for their registered patients, or to carry out their contractual obligations to meet their patients' core clinical needs then it may be appropriate for a practice to apply to close their list and in such circumstances the LMC would support this approach.</p> <p>The Birches Medical Practice have outlined in their application that they feel they are unable to provide for the volume of demand and need to halt registrations for six months to provide a safe and sustainable service. They have outlined a number of measures they are utilising to try and manage the demand and work in different ways including telephone triage, promotion of clinical pharmacists and a GP task system to increase capacity. They are also continuing to explore different recruitment options for the practice.</p> <p>The LMC would support their application for closure for a period of six months.</p>
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Branch Surgery hours request

The Birches Medical Practice have also submitted an application to NHS England to change their surgery hours at their branch surgery, located at Ashby Clinic as follows:

Wednesday – No GP to be available on site after 2pm

The main reason for this request is associated with staff cover at the branch surgery and recruitment issues within the practice. The practice already closes once a month on a Wednesday for staff training so the impact will effect only three weeks of the month.

The practice have indicated that their telephone line will be transferred to their main branch at the Ironstone Centre and patients will be able to make an appointment to be seen there if necessary so the impact will be minimal. There will be non-clinical staff available until 6.30pm at the Ashby branch.

The practice have also advised that they hope this change will only be a temporary one, subject to GP recruitment.

Consultation

The practice have consulted with their patients by means of displaying posters in both premises and have verbally discussed the matter with the pharmacy located within Ashby

Clinic. The Patient Participation Group have also been informed at their meeting in January 2017. There have been no negative responses.

Consultation with neighbouring practices and LMC

In line with NHS England policy, neighbouring practices, the CCG and the LMC Group Humberside have been consulted.

Comments following consultation

Practice	Comments received
LMC	The proposed change in hours allows the practice to still meet the requirements of their contract and they have outlined measures that ensure that this will be communicated to patients and managed appropriately.
Cambridge Avenue Medical Centre	We have discussed this request at our meeting and providing the patients can be seen at their main surgery during the specified closed period then we are happy for them to proceed.

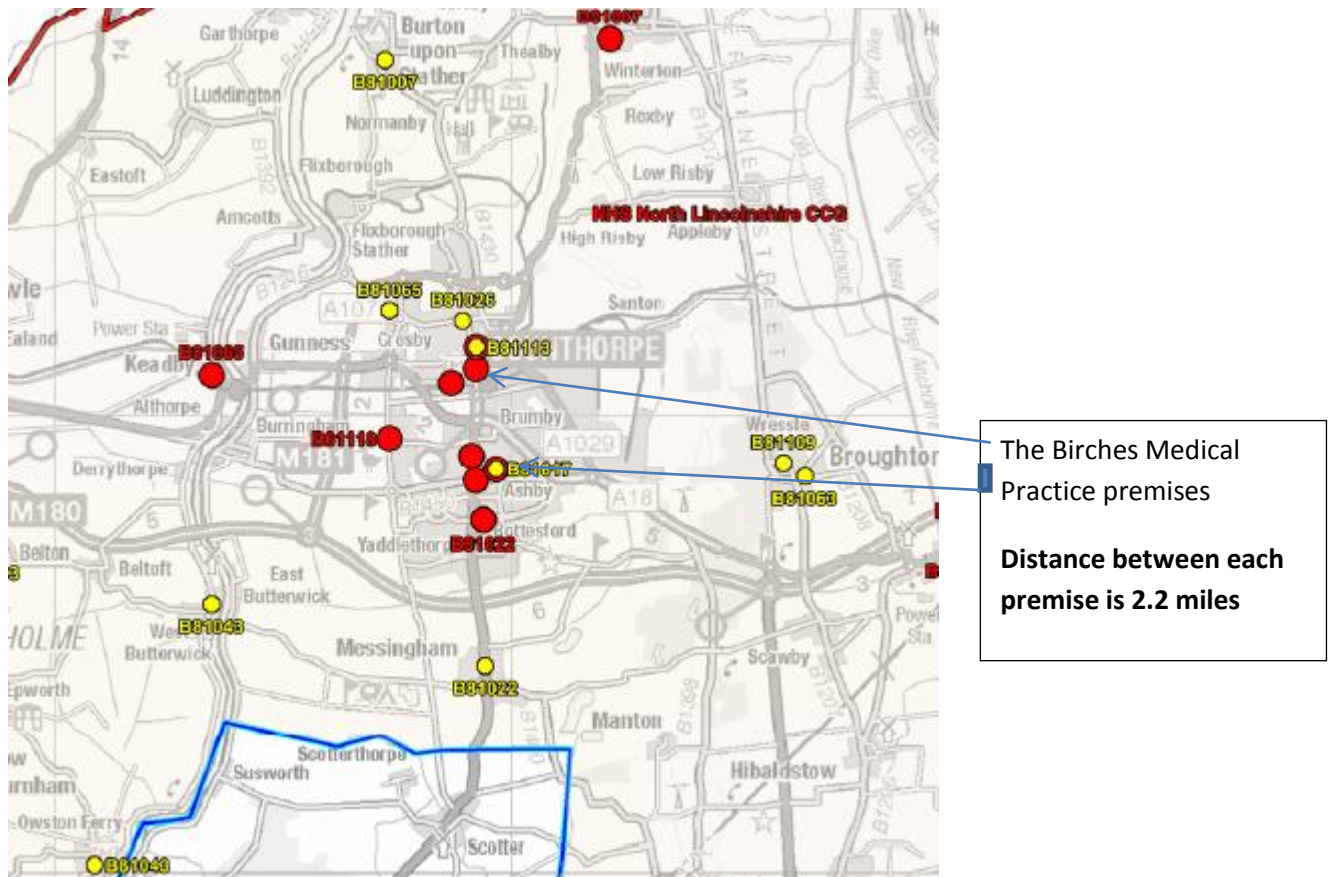
Practices list sizes

The two following table demonstrate the changes in list sizes over the past year for all North Lincolnshire practices.

Practice Name	Practice Code	% List size increase / decrease over past 12 months	Open/Closed List
Central Surgery Barton	B81005	0.89	Open
Dr Webster And Partners	B81007	-0.06	Open
Cambridge Avenue Medical Centre	B81022	-0.80	Open
Ancora Medical Practice	B81026	0.93	Open
South Axholme Practice	B81043	0.33	Open

Ashby Turn Primary Care Partners	B81045	0.32	Open
Bridge Street Surgery	B81063	-1.88	Closed until 30/6/17
Church Lane Medical Centre	B81064	0.22	Open
Trent View Medical Practice	B81065	-0.27	Open
The Oswald Road Medical Surgery	B81090	0.80	Open
Kirton Lindsey Surgery	B81099	0.81	Open
Dr Rai and Partners	B81109	1.65	Open
Cedar Medical Practice	B81113	2.27	Open
West Common Lane Teaching Practice	B81118	0.18	Open
The Birches Medical Practice	B81617	1.19	Application
Dr S Ahmed	B81628	-0.88	Open
West Town Surgery	B81647	-1.57	Open
The Killingholme Surgery	B81648	9.47	Open
Market Hill 8 To 8 Centre	Y02787	-1.13	Open

Please see attached Map which identifies the practices within the local area by their practice code, establishing proximity of neighbouring practices.



Additional factors to be considered by the Committee

NHS England and the CCG visited the practice on 16 February to discuss the application to temporarily close the list. A number of actions were agreed that would be implemented if the request to temporarily close is approved.

The actions are:-

- 1: the practice to liaise with the CCG in respect of the international recruitment initiative and to look at submitting a bid for NHS England Resilience funding for help with recruitment costs.
- 2: the practice to liaise with the CCG in respect of the potential pilot for a Mental Health Worker to pilot new models of care within the practice that can support reduced demand upon GP time.
- 3: the practice are in discussions with Weldrick's pharmacy, also located in the Ironstone Centre, about a potential Pharmacy pilot, for Clinical Pharmacists to work within the practices in the centre. This needs to be further explored with support from the CCG.

The Committee will need to consider the impact this closure would have on neighbouring practices, and whether it would be reasonable to agree to a six month closure period with a review during this period to consider the impact the closure is having.

Recommendation

The North Lincolnshire Joint Co Commissioning Group Committee is asked to:-

- Note the contents of this report and the two applications from the practice
- Approve the application for a period of six months
- Agree that the practice can change their hours as described above.

Action for the Joint Committee:

This report was circulated by virtual means to members of the Committee due to the timescales as to when a decision was required.

The responses to the request for virtual approval were noted by the CCG and NHS England and the following decision was made in line with the terms of reference.

The Joint Commissioning Committee considered the application and it was confirmed that a majority of both NHS England and CCG voting members on the Committee are in agreement to the requests from The Birches Medical Practice.

The practice were duly informed of this decision by NHS England. The Committee is asked to note this update and the virtual decision.

APMS/PMS Uplift 2017/18

Introduction

NHS England is committed to an equitable and consistent approach to funding the core services expected of all GP practices. Following the changes agreed to the General Medical Services (GMS) contract for 2017/18, the document attached sets out the approach to the funding changes that NHS England and CCGs will apply to Personal Medical Services (PMS) and Alternative Provider Medical Services (APMS) contracts.

CCGs working under delegation agreements will also apply the changes to local PMS and APMS contracts in line with this guidance. For the avoidance of doubt, this guidance represents guidance CCGs must comply with and implement under the provisions of Part 1 of Schedule 2 (Delegated Functions) of the Delegation Agreement made between NHS England and the CCG.

Increase to PMS and APMS contracts

To deliver an equitable and consistent approach to uplifting PMS and APMS contracts commissioners (NHS England teams or CCGs under delegation agreement) increases will

apply, for those GMS changes that also impact on these arrangements that are equivalent to the value of the increases in the GMS price per weighted patient.

In summary, GP practices will receive increases in core funding as set out in table 1.

	GMS	PMS	APMS
	£/weighted patient	£/weighted patient	£/weighted patient
MPIG reinvestment	A [£0.48]	-	-
Seniority reinvestment	B [£0.31]	c [£0.31]	-
Elements of the deal	C [£0.21]	c [£0.21]	c [£0.21]
ES reinvestment	D [£2.69]	d [£2.69]	d [£2.69]
Inflation uplift	E [£1.06]	e [£1.06]	e [£1.06]
Total uplift	A+B+C+D+E [£4.76]	b+c+d+e [£4.27]	c+d+e [£3.97]

Link to full document

<https://www.england.nhs.uk/wp-content/uploads/2017/03/apms-pms-contract-changes-17-18-v0.5.pdf>

Action for the Committee

The Committee is asked to note the uplift to APMS/PMS contracts to be applied in 2017/18.