



Milton Keynes
Clinical Commissioning Group

Subject: Disbanding of Clinical Forum

Meeting: NHS Milton Keynes CCG Board

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1. SUMMARY

The Clinical Forum is a formal committee of the CCG Board which was initially established to enable engagement between the CCG and its member practices regarding priorities for commissioning and the progress of commissioning programmes. Since its inception in 2013 the CCG has evolved its mechanisms for engaging with member practices. A GP Federation has also been established which will represent member practices. It is now felt that the Clinical Forum is no longer the most appropriate method for engaging with member practices and this paper seeks a discussion and decision regarding the formal disbandment of the Clinical Forum.

2. RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended to the Board that the Clinical Forum is formally disbanded.

It should also be noted that Neighbourhood meetings which supported the Clinical Forum no longer occur.



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Purpose

The aim of this paper is to initiate a discussion and decision with regards to the future of the Clinical Forum Committee within Milton Keynes CCG.

1.0 Context & Background

The Clinical Forum forms part of the formal governance structure of NHS Milton Keynes CCG. It was initially established to enable discussions with and between member practices regarding priorities for commissioning and progress of commissioning programmes. This engagement was further enhanced by Neighbourhood groups which met on a regular basis. However, since the inception of the CCG the organisation has matured and developed and working methods, including member practice engagement, have changed.

The CCG now has a different approach to member practice engagement. The evolution of a GP federation means that funding for neighbourhood groups, with effect from 1st April 2018, has passed to the federation with the idea that the GP federation will represent the practices as a group.

The CCG continues to conduct 5 protected time events with member practices per year which contain both clinical and CCG related content. The CCG also meets the federation leads monthly at the clinical executive meeting. The primary care team also meet each individual practice yearly as a minimum. All of these events provide opportunities for the practices to feedback ideas, concerns and opinions and to receive updates from the CCG.

Whilst the mechanisms for practice engagement have developed and improved, attendance at the original Clinical Forum meetings by member practices has waned in recent years, with no meeting being held within the last 12 months. Neighbourhood group meetings have also now stopped.

2.0 Proposal

Based on the information above which cites improved practice engagement mechanisms, evolution of the GP Federation and reduced attendance at the Clinical Forum meetings it is proposed that the Clinical Forum is formally disbanded.

It is also proposed that for best practice, whilst Neighbourhood meetings do not form part of the formal Governance committee structure, it is formally noted by the CCG Board that Neighbourhood Group meetings have also ceased for the same reasons above.

Recommendations

It is recommended that the Board:

- a) Formally disband the Clinical Forum
- b) Note the cessation of the Neighbourhood meetings



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