HEALTH AND WELLBEING SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Care Quality Commission (CQC) GP Inspection – Annual Report

Report of Chief Officer Sunderland Clinical Commissioning Group

1 Purpose

1.1 The purpose of this report is to provide the Health and Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee with an overview of inspections that have been undertaken by the Care Quality Commission (CQC) in the NHS Sunderland CCG area.

2 Background to the CQC Inspections

- 2.1 The CQC was established in 2009 as a result of the amalgamation of three former agencies; the Commission for Social Care Inspection, the Mental Health Act Commission and the Healthcare Commission. The CQCs original remit was to inspect and regulate Foundation Trusts, Mental Health Trusts and Residential/Nursing Home settings but in April 2011 this was extended to other services as well as dental practices, and further extended to GP practices in 2012.
- 2.2 Under the Health and Social Care Act 2008 it is regulatory requirement for a GP practice to be registered with the CQC. Failure to be registered is a breach of the regulations and a practice who fails to be registered with the CQC cannot deliver services and therefore risks contract termination.
- 2.3 The CQC has visited and rated every practice in Sunderland.
- 2.4 Each CQC visit team usually has a lead CQC inspector, a GP and is often accompanied by a Practice Manager, a Practice Nurse specialist and/or an expert by experience; if the practice is a dispensing practice (one which can also supply medicines directly to patients) then it may also have a pharmacist on the visit team there are no dispensing practices in Sunderland. Each practice is inspected against five domains which are:
 - Are services safe?
 - Are services effective?
 - Are services caring?
 - Are services responsive to people's needs?
 - Are services well-led?

2.5 Each domain is given a rating and then an overall rating is assigned to the practice as follows:

| ☆ | Outstanding – the service is performing exceptionally well. |
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| 6 | Good - the service is performing well and meeting expectations. |
| | Requires improvement – the service isn't performing as well as it should and the CQC have told the service it must improve. |
| • | Inadequate – the service is performing badly and the CQC may also have taken enforcement action. |

- 2.6 If a practice is rated as 'inadequate' in two or more domains, the practice is given an overall rating of 'inadequate' and the CQC places the practice into what is termed 'special measures' for a specified length of time (usually 6 months) until the practice is re-inspected. Being placed in special measures usually also results in enforcement action being taken by the CQC. Due to the seriousness of the rating, the CCG and NHS England also instigate a local process which entails a visit to the practice to discuss the CQC outcome and the practice receives a contractual breach notice which is monitored until such times the breach has been remedied. A contractual breach notice which is not remedied, or a breach which represents an immediate patient safety concern, can ultimately lead to contract termination.
- 2.7 Information regarding a practice's CQC rating is also a domain within NHS England's Primary Medical Care Assurance Framework; this framework includes a large number of indicators and is designed to extract data from multiple sources to provide an overall picture of the quality of primary care within the region. The CCG utilises this data, triangulates it with CCG-held data and discusses any concerns at the CCG's Local Quality Group before determining if further action is required. The outcomes of the Local Quality Group are also reported to the CCG Quality and Safety Committee which oversees the quality of all health services commissioned by the CCG and to the CCG Primary Care Committee which over sees the commissioning of general practice services.

3 Support to Sunderland GP Practices

- 3.1 It is recognised that being placed in special measures is a very difficult time for a practice and therefore practices in this position are offered the following support:
 - NHSE offer resilience funding on an annual basis and the CCG will support practices to access this funding allowing them to obtain the external help and support they may need.

- The CCG also offers support to practices in special measures where the GP Primary Care Lead and the Head of GP Commissioning will visit the practice, discuss their needs and allocate resource to help with their action plan. They will also make timely visits where appropriate to check on progress supporting with any outstanding issues.
- To ensure a consistent communication message is given to patients, the CCG offer the support of communications experts to develop key messages for patients to assure them that their practice remains open and that the practice is working with the CQC to address issues raised.
- To provide support to all practices the CCG has commissioned training and development events to provide information to practice teams to enable them to be 'inspection ready'. An advisor from the CQC has also presented at a Practice Manager event to inform them of any changes to the inspection criteria. These events have been well attended by practices in Sunderland

4 CQC Status of Sunderland Practices

- 4.1 The outcome of CQC inspections (and in some cases, re-inspection) undertaken in Sunderland are attached. Some practices have been visited more than once; a re-visit is triggered when there is a change in the legal entity of a practice (i.e. new partners join or leave the practice) or, in the case of some of the practices below, if the practice has previously been in special measures.
- 4.2 Currently there are no practices in 'special measures' in Sunderland but there are 3 practices that are rated 'requires improvement'. One of these practices, Wearside Medical Practice has been revisited and the CCG is awaiting the outcome of this revisit. We do not have dates for the planned re-inspection but this is usually within 6 months of the previous visit.

5 Recommendation

5.1 The Committee are asked to note the content of this report and the work that has been undertaken by the practices in the Sunderland area to ensure compliance with CQC regulations.

| 2018 | 1 | n Sunderland CCG area as of June | | | |
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| Practice | NHS Code | CQC ID | Inspection date | Status | OVERALL RATING |
| Ashburn Medical Centre | A89018 | 1-540904472 | 07/09/2016 | Published | Good |
| Broadway Medical Practice | A89024 | 1-540671421 | 21/04/2015 | Published | Good |
| Castletown Medical Centre | A89036 | 1-2084428624 | 15/08/2016 | Published | Good |
| Concord Medical Practice | A89022 | 1-540627306 | 16/08/2016 | Published | Good |
| Deerness Park Medical Group | A89001 | 1-540657643 | 05/04/2018 and 18/04/2018 | Drafted, in QA process. | Awaiting official rating |
| Deerness Park Medical Group | A89001 | 1-540657643 | 07/01/2016 | Published | Good |

| Dr Ahmed El Safy | A89623 | 1-522484207 | 16/02/2018 | Published | Good | |
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| Dr Ahmed El Safy | A89623 | 1-522484207 | 08/09/2015 | Published | Good | |
| Dr Annie Thomas | A89620 | 1-527013543 | 05/01/2016 | Published | Good | |
| Dr Brigham and Dr Joseph | A89005 | 1-540795923 | 18/08/2016 | Published | Good | |
| Dr Hegde and Partners (The Galleries Health Centre) | A89003 | 1-542373261 | 05/01/2016 | Published | Good | |
| Dr Martin Weatherhead | A89604 | 1-506867554 | 14/01/2016 | Published | Good | |
| Dr NJ Bhatt | A89624 | 1-503938737 | 12/01/2016 | Published | Good | |
| Dr Rex Obonna | A89603 | 1-495150053 | 12/07/2016 | Published | Good | |
| Dr SM Bhate and Dr H El- Shakankery | A89002 | 1-540775083 | 07/02/2018 | Published | Good | |
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| Dr Stephenson and Partners | A89010 | 1-542210008 | 18/01/2016 | Published | Good |
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| Drs Cloak, Choi and Milligan | A89019 | 1-540465682 | 21/06/2016 | Published | Good |
| Forge Medical Practice | A89020 | 1-540510137 | 03/01/2018 | Published | Good |
| Fulwell Medical Centre | A89015 | 1-552645209 | 14/06/2016 | Published | Good |
| Grangewood Surgery | A89028 | 1-540755585 | 05/01/2016 | Published | Good |
| Happy House Surgery | A89041 | 1-529606472 | 29/06/2016 | Published | Good |
| Harraton Surgery | A89617 | 1-1737302413 | ТВС | Provisonally planned for Nov 2018. Not confirmed. | |
| Harraton Surgery | A89617 | 1-1737302413 | 11/01/2017 | Published | Requires improvement |
| Herrington Medical Centre | A89009 | 1-540856332 | 19/01/2016 | Published | Good |
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| A89004 | 1-542590873 | 15/09/2015 | Published | Good |
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| A89023 | 1-543972292 | 05/01/2016 | Published | Good |
| A89031 | 1-537646533 | 28/09/2017 | Published | Good |
| A89011 | 1-546202187 | 19/06/2016 | Published | Good |
| A89612 | 1-540580574 | 15/09/2015 | Published | Good- This practice is now merged with Dr Bhate |
| A89021 | 1-540573932 | 20/01/2016 | Published | Good |
| A89017 | 1-537678438 | 26/01/2016 | Published | Good |
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| Monkwearmou th Health Centre (Drs Gellia & Balaraman) | A89040 | 1-865254341 | 13/12/2016 | Published | Good |
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| Pallion Family Practice | A89007 | 1-543954572 | 07/11/2017 | Published | Good |
| Park Lane Practice | A89034 | 1-545627756 | 13/01/2016 | Published | Good |
| Redhouse Medical Centre | A89008 | 1-540826625 | 07/02/2017 | Published | Good |
| Rickleton Medical Centre | A89616 | 1-540438366 | 17/05/2016 | Published | Good |
| South Hylton Surgery | A89614 | 1-545517138 | 23/04/2015 | Published | Good |
| Southlands Medical Group | A89035 | 1-551777796 | 01/04/2015 | Published | Good |
| Springwell Medical Group | A89027 | 1-540724875 | 28/07/2016 | Published | Good |

| St Bede Medical Centre | A89016 | 1-549425079 | 05/07/2016 | Published | Good |
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| Sunderland GP Alliance – Disruptive Patient Service | | 1-3296920354 | 20/03/2018 | Published | Good |
| Sunderland GP Alliance - The Galleries | | 1-3296920142 | 17/10/2017 | Published | Requires Improvement – Due to be re-inspected – date to be confirmed |
| The New City Medical Group | A89013 | 1-506577542 | 21/11/2017 | Published | Good |
| Victoria Medical Practice | A89026 | 1-540710901 | 07/06/2016 | Published | Good |
| Wearside Medical Practice (formerly Dr Shetty and Partners) | A89006 | 1-537875920 | 01/05/2018 | Report being drafted | |

| Wearside Medical Practice (Dr Shetty and Partners) | A89006 | 1-537875920 | 06/11/2017 | Published | Requires improvement |
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| Westbourne Medical Group | A89030 | 1-540786792 | 16/08/2016 | Published | Outstanding |