

BARMSTON MEDICAL CENTRE PROCUREMENT

REPORT OF THE SUNDERLAND TEACHING PRIMARY CARE TRUST

1. Purpose of Report

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to provide members with information relating to the process for procuring a long term contract for the delivery of primary medical care services for patients registered with the Barmston Medical Centre in Washington.
- 1.2 Peter Berry and Carol Robb, GP Contract Managers from the North East Primary Care Services Agency (Working on behalf of Sunderland TPCT) will be present at the meeting to provide information to the Scrutiny Committee.

2. Background

- 2.1 Barmston Medical Centre provides primary medical services from two sites in Washington – Barmston Medical Centre, Westerhope Road, Barmston and The Galleries Health Centre, Washington.
- 2.2 Following on-going concerns, in February 2009, Sunderland PCT took the decision to remove the previous contract holders from the Performers List and terminate their primary care contract with effect from the end of April 2009. In line with Department of Health Regulations and following a procurement process, a temporary contract was awarded to Intrahealth Limited with effect from 1st May 2009. At that point, the intention was to allow a full consultation with patients and partners leading to an open procurement for the service.
- 2.3 A full patient and public consultation took place from 9th November 2009 to 5 February 2010. However, publication of this was placed on hold due to the General Election and subsequent re-organisation of the NHS introduced by the coalition government resulted in a delay to the procurement.
- 2.4 Sunderland PCT is now in a position to progress with the procurement of a contract (minimum 5 years). This report sets out the timescales and processes for engagement with patients on the outcome of the consultation and the procurement process.

3. Patient Engagement

- 3.1 The PCT intend to engage with the practice patient groups to

- feedback the results of the earlier consultation.
- advise on how patient suggestions will be incorporated into the new contract
- provide an explanation for any which cannot be incorporated
- explain the procurement process and timetable as well as how the successful bidder will be identified
- provide assurance that staff at the practice will have the opportunity to transfer over to the new provider
- identify any further issues that could impact on the development

4. Procurement Process

4.1 The PCT's desired timescales for this procurement process are

September 2011	Patient Engagement
October 2011	Full service review and specification completed
November 2011	Procurement process commenced
July 2012	Contract commencement by successful bidder

5. Conclusion

5.1 Members are requested to note and provide feedback on the procurement process.