

<b>Title</b>	Primary Care Group Report
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<b>Report for</b>	Wirral Place Based Partnership Board
<b>Date of Meeting</b>	23 <sup>rd</sup> November 2023

<b>Report Purpose and Recommendations</b>
<p>The purpose of this report is to provide the Wirral Place Based Partnership Board with an update on the work of the Primary Care Group (PCG).</p> <p>It is recommended that the Wirral Place Based Partnership Board notes the work of the Primary Care Group and continues to receive updates as a standing agenda item.</p>

<b>Key Risks</b>
<p>The report relates to the following key risks identified in the Place Delivery Assurance Framework presented to the Wirral Place Based Partnership Board on 19<sup>th</sup> October 2023:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>PDAF 1 Service Delivery:</i> Wirral system partners are unable to deliver the priority programmes within the Wirral Health and Care Plan which will result in poorer outcomes and greater inequalities for our population.</li> <li>• <i>PDAF 3 Collaboration:</i> Leaders and organisations in the Wirral health and care system may not work together effectively to improve population health and healthcare.</li> </ul>

<b>Governance journey</b>			
<b>Date</b>	<b>Forum</b>	<b>Report Title</b>	<b>Purpose/Decision</b>
24 <sup>th</sup> October 2023	Primary Care Group	Agenda and papers for meeting	Meeting held and work progressed.

<b>1</b>	<b>Narrative</b>
<b>1.1</b>	<b>Background</b>
1.1.1	NHS Cheshire and Merseyside is working with each of the nine Places in the Cheshire and Merseyside Integrated Care System (ICS) to establish robust governance and assurance mechanisms through strong partnership arrangements. The Wirral Place Based Partnership Board (WPBPB) is the forum where NHS Cheshire and Merseyside will conduct business pertaining to the Borough transparently in the public domain and in collaboration with system partners. These arrangements will also support further delegation of decision making and resources to each Borough.
1.1.2	The Primary Care Group has been established to oversee the exercise of NHS Cheshire and Merseyside's statutory powers in Wirral relating to the provision of GP primary medical services under the NHS Act 2006, as amended by the Health and Care Act 2022, and other primary care services as delegated in future. The Group will report on these matters to the Wirral Place Based Partnership Board to support

	the effective conduct of NHS Cheshire and Merseyside's business in Wirral.
<b>1.2</b>	<b>Primary Care Group Meeting, 24<sup>th</sup> October 2023</b>
1.2.1	<b>Risk Register:</b> The Group reviewed the risk register that pertains to primary care services in the borough. The register will be amalgamated into the new Cheshire and Merseyside format. No changes to previous risk scores were proposed.
1.2.2	<b>Work Plan:</b> The Group reviewed progress against the work plan for 2023/24.
1.2.3	<b>Neighbourhood development:</b> The Group were updated on the trail-blazer areas and lead commissioners.
1.2.4	<p><b>Primary Care Update:</b> The Group were updated on access improvement plans (one for each Wirral Primary Care Network (PCN)) with a focus on modernising general practice and improving patient experience. There is additional funding available to general practices and PCNs. The first update report is due in November 2023.</p> <p>The Group received details on the proposed practice merger between Heswall and Pensby Group practice and Commonfield Road Surgery. The planned merger is May 2024 with patient engagement continuing from both practices.</p>
1.2.5	<p><b>Primary Care dashboard:</b> The Group received the dashboard showing the latest data available as of October 2023. Each indicator has a Wirral Place average rating and each practice is rated against this. Further development of the Wirral dashboard is ongoing. An update will be provided to the Primary Care Group. Current developments include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• adding the national and Wirral position for each indicator on the dashboard.</li> <li>• transition from Apex data to the GP Appointment Data (GPAD) dashboard for appointment activity.</li> <li>• adapting a Red Amber Green (RAG) status.</li> <li>• adding the uptake of Flu vaccinations.</li> <li>• consideration of the potential development of a Cheshire and Merseyside dashboard, with local inclusions added as necessary.</li> <li>• agree use of the data and subsequent follow up approaches with practices/PCNs as necessary.</li> </ul>
1.2.6	<p><b>Primary Care Finance:</b> The Group received the report, with the following headlines:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The year to date position as at Month 6, 2023/24 shows an adverse variance to plan of £0.261m against a budget of £31.962m.</li> <li>• The forecast yearend position as at Month 6, to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2024 is an adverse variance to plan of £0.428m, (Month 5 £0.651m) and the risk and mitigations to delivery against the budget of £63.924m.</li> </ul>
1.2.7	<b>Other contractor updates:</b> The Group received a verbal summary update from the dental advisor representative on current dentistry contracting matters.
1.2.8	<b>NHS Talking Therapies update:</b> The Group received a verbal update on performance with specific reference to recovery rates. The last two months had shown a dip in the rate under 50% (between 48-49%) with a surge of complex cases. A summary performance report was requested to be considered at a future meeting.
1.2.9	<b>Quality update:</b> The Group received an update covering two aspects; latest GP

	Patient Survey results and the Wirral Care Home Influenza Antiviral Prophylaxis service.
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<b>2</b>	<b>Implications</b>
2.1	<p><i>Risk Mitigation and Assurance</i></p> <p>The work taken through the Primary Care Group provides controls for and support assurance of the management of the strategic risks PDAF 1 and PDAF 3. The Primary Care Group also has a Risk Register, which will into the PDAF and discussions at the Place Based Partnership Board around risk.</p>
2.2	<p><i>Financial</i></p> <p>The financial implications arising from this report are articulated in 1.2.6 above.</p>
2.3	<p><i>Legal and regulatory</i></p> <p>There are no direct legal and regulatory implications arising from this report.</p>
2.4	<p><i>Resources</i></p> <p>Wirral Council are supporting the Wirral Place Based Partnership Board and, when required, the Joint Strategic Commissioning Board. NHS Cheshire and Merseyside will support the remaining governance and assurance infrastructure.</p>
2.5	<p><i>Engagement and consultation</i></p> <p>Engagement with system partners has taken place in the development of the Terms of Reference for the Primary Care Group. This is a group that has been agreed as part of NHS Cheshire and Merseyside's governance for Wirral. The Primary Care Group has a membership that includes Healthwatch Wirral and representation from the voluntary, community, faith, and social enterprise (VCFSE) sector. The PCG is co-chaired by representatives from the VCFSE.</p>
2.6	<p><i>Equality</i></p> <p>Wirral Council and NHS Cheshire and Merseyside have a legal requirement to make sure their policies, and the way they carry out their work, do not discriminate against anyone. The business of these groups will be conducted with an awareness of the general duty requirements and place equality considerations. No Equality Impact Assessment (EIA) is required for this report, although impact assessments will be required for any service changes proposed through the Primary Care Group.</p>
2.7	<p><i>Environment and Climate</i></p> <p>Wirral Council and NHS Cheshire and Merseyside are committed to carrying out their work in an environmentally responsible manner, these principles will be followed by the Primary Care Group.</p>
2.8	<p><i>Community Wealth Building</i></p> <p>Community Wealth Building in Wirral focusses on partnerships and collaboration. These partnerships are led by Wirral Council with external partners and stakeholders, including residents. NHS Cheshire and Merseyside will support the Council in community wealth building by ensuring health and care organisations in the borough have a focus on reducing health inequalities and contribute to the development of a resilient and inclusive economy for Wirral. The Primary Care Group will take account of this in their work.</p>

<b>3</b>	<b>Conclusion</b>
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3.1	It is recommended that the Wirral Place Based Partnership Board notes the work of the Primary Care Group and continues to receive updates as a standing agenda item.
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<b>4</b>	<b>Appendices</b>
	There are no appendices to this report.

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