

Health and Wellbeing Board

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**Durham Dales, Easington and Sedgefield
Clinical Commissioning Group Quality
Premium Priorities for 2013/14**



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Purpose of Report

1. The purpose of this report is to confirm DDES CCG's portfolio of quality premium indicators for 2013/14. The NHS planning framework "Everyone Counts – Planning for Patients 2013/14" provided a timetable for CCGs to submit plans to meet the requirement outlined within the body of the document.
2. This report summarises DDES CCG's final plan submitted to the Area Team of the National Commissioning Board on the 28th March 2013. This report is a follow up on the report discussed at the Health and Wellbeing board on 6th March 2013 entitled "DDES CCG, Planning Framework and Final Commissioning Intentions for 2013/14" providing further detail on the national quality premium areas and the three local quality premium areas with rationale for selection and change.

Quality Premiums – National Measures

3. In December 2012 the NHS Commissioning Board published guidance "Quality Premium: 2013/14 guidance for CCGs" which outlined how the 'quality premium' is intended to reward Clinical Commissioning Groups (CCGs) for improvements in the quality of the services that they commission and for the associated improvements in health outcomes and reducing inequalities.
4. The national quality premiums are categorised and aligned to the NHS outcome domains, the percentage that the national quality premiums contribute towards the CCG quality premium reward are as follows:
 - Reducing potential years of life lost from amenable mortality (12.5%)
 - Reducing avoidable emergency admissions (25%)
 - Improve patient experience of hospital services (12.5%)
 - Prevent healthcare associated infections (12.5%)

The remaining 37.5% allocation of the quality premium will be equally apportioned to the delivery of three local priorities.

Quality Premiums – Local Priorities

5. At the end of 2012 the National Commissioning Board published a supporting document for CCGs: “Outcomes benchmarking support packs: CCG level” which provided CCG level information on population profiles, deprivation and disease prevalence, hospital activity profiles as well as a cross section of health outcomes indicators related to the NHS outcome domains.
6. The DDES CCG Outcome support pack identified 12 areas where DDES CCG had outcomes in the worst quintile in the country, which included:
 - Potential years of life lost (PYLL) from causes considered amenable to healthcare
 - Under 75 mortality rate from cardiovascular disease
 - Under 75 mortality rate from respiratory disease
 - Under 75 mortality rate from cancer
 - Health related quality of life for people with long term conditions
 - Unplanned hospitalisation for chronic ambulatory sensitive conditions (adults)
 - Unplanned hospitalisation for asthma, diabetes and epilepsy in under 19s
 - Emergency admissions for acute conditions that should not usually require hospital admission
 - Patient reported outcome measures for elective procedures – hip replacement
 - Emergency admissions for children with lower respiratory tract infections
 - Incidence of Healthcare associated infection (HCAI): MRSA
 - Incidence of Healthcare associated infection (HCAI): C Difficile

For the full spine chart showing DDES CCG outcomes please see Appendix 2.

7. As articulated in the 6th March 2013 Shadow Health and Wellbeing Board paper entitled “DDES CCG, Planning Framework and Final Commissioning Intentions for 2013/4” DDES CCG initially selected the following indicators which are all outcomes where DDES CCG are in worst quintile:
 - Under 75 mortality rate from cancer
 - Health related quality of life for people with long term conditions
 - Emergency admissions for children with a lower respiratory tract infection

These local quality premium indicators were agreed at the Health and Wellbeing Board during the March meeting and were the same as those initially submitted by neighbouring CCGs providing opportunities for working at scale.

8. The NHS planning framework “Everyone Counts – Planning for Patients 2013/14” provided a timetable for CCGs to enable a dialogue between the CCG and the NHS England Area Team between submissions. The NHS England Area Team (Durham, Darlington and Tees) provided significant feedback on a numbers of areas including the selection of local quality premium indicators. There was concern around the stability of the ‘Health related quality of life for people with long term conditions’ indicator due to the high level of variance over time. It was

noted by the Area Team that only a handful of CCGs across the Country had chosen this indicator because of this and that the CCG might want to consider changing. After consideration of this fact all CCGs in the Durham, Darlington and Tees (DDT) area who first selected this indicator changed it. One neighbouring CCGs changed to a compound indicator where the risk of variation was reduced; another CCG in the DDT area changed it to the indicator 'Estimated diagnosis rate for people with dementia'. DDES CCG changed the indicator to: 'Unplanned hospitalisation for asthma, diabetes and epilepsy in under 19s' which is an area where DDES CCG has amongst the worst performance in the Country.

9. DDES CCG regret that the Health and Wellbeing board were not consulted of this change before the submission date, but unfortunately due to the tight timescales involved this was not possible. The NHS England Area Team have confirmed that they will be discussing priorities for the next financial year earlier in the year so that these can be debated by the Health and Wellbeing Board and subsequently agreed by them in good time. As the NHS England Area Team will also be part of that process they will be able to advise of any changes to the process in a more timely fashion as they will have more experience of what is required of the process.
10. The final submission made to area team on the 28th of March included the following local quality premium priorities:
 - Reducing under 75 mortality rate from cancer
 - Reducing unplanned hospitalisation for asthma, diabetes and epilepsy in under 19s
 - Reducing emergency admissions for children with a lower respiratory tract infection

Implications

11. The new local quality premium indicator supports the Health and Wellbeing Board Strategic Aim "Children and young people make healthy choices and have the best start in life" by ensuring that children in Durham Dales, Easington and Sedgefield receive improved services so that they and their families are able to manage the child's asthma, diabetes and epilepsy more effectively preventing hospital admissions, reducing family stress and improving life opportunities for the child. Within our clear and credible plan DDES CCG have a commitment in improving the health and wellbeing of our children by having a specific strategic aim focussed on child health "Make sure our children and young people have a better start in life". The selection of this new quality premium indicator further demonstrates our ambition to make real changes in the health system for our children and young people.
12. DDES CCG would welcome work to further understand the issues surrounding why our children have many more admissions than average for asthma, diabetes and epilepsy along with lower respiratory tract infections and are keen to work with Public Health colleagues to better understand any underlying issues.
13. Even though the "Health related quality of life for people with long term conditions" indicator is no longer a local quality indicator for the purposes of

attracting quality premium resources in to the county it will continue to be a high priority for DDES as agreed with the Health and Wellbeing Board. We will continue to do all that we can to improve this indicator and it will be monitored closely by the CCG as part of our internal performance data set.

14. DDES CCG would like to reassure the Health and Wellbeing board that our work programme remains comprehensive and this can be seen from our most recent Plan on a Page in Appendix 3.

Recommendations

15. It is recommended that the Health and Wellbeing Board:

- note the contents of this report
- support DDES CCG in the selection of their local quality premium priorities.

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Appendix 1: Implications

Finance: Priority indicators are linked to 37.5% of the Quality Premium Reward

Staffing: DDES CCG with support from North of England Commissioning support have secured the staff capacity to take forward these priority areas. Colleagues from Public Health will also be involved in better understanding any underlying issues.

Risk: Failure to achieve targets will have a detrimental effect on the health of patients in the area and also not achieve Quality Premium Rewards.

Equality and Diversity / Public Sector Equality Duty: There are no implications to Equality and Diversity

Accommodation: There are no implications to accommodation

Crime and Disorder: There are no Crime and Disorder implications

Human Rights: There are no implications to Human Rights

Consultation: Report is for information only

Procurement: Not applicable

Disability Issues: Not applicable

Legal Implications: Not applicable

Appendix 2

NHS Durham Dales, Easington and Sedgefield CCG Summary spine chart

The chart below shows the distribution of the CCGs on each indicator in terms of ranks. This CCG is shown as a red diamond. The yellow box shows the interquartile range and median of CCGs in the same ONS cluster as this CCG. The dotted blue line is the England median. Each indicator has been orientated so that better outcomes are towards the right (light blue).

This CCG is in the Mining & Manufacturing cluster



