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Update – Changes and Developments Across Member Practices	
Purpose of Report For Information	
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1. Introduction

This report summarises key changes and developments across NHS Vale of York CCG member Practices since the last Primary Care Commissioning Committee meeting.

2. Front Street and Beech Grove Practice Merger

In March 2016, NHS Vale of York CCG was approached by Front Street and Beech Grove Practices in Acomb, York with plans for the two Practices to merge from 01 October 2016 and deliver consolidated services from the Front Street site. The two sites are less than half a mile apart. Services were to be withdrawn from the NHS Property Services owned Beech Grove premises.

The merger went ahead as planned on 01 October 2016, with no issues. Both GMS Practices were relatively small with circa 4,000 patient list sizes – the merger has created a single GMS Practice ‘Front Street Surgery’ with a list size of circa 8,000 patients.

Appropriate patient consultation took place, and the merger aligns with the CCG’s plans to encourage member Practices to collaborate and work at greater scale in order to secure more resilient and sustainable Primary Care services for our population.

The only outstanding aspect of the process is to clarify whether notional rent can be released from the vacated Beech Grove site. Conversations are in progress around Tees Esk & Wear Valleys NHS Trust taking on the vacated site – which would enable notional rent to come back in to the CCG to support future General Practice premises developments.

The Committee is asked to note this change.

3. Sherburn Group – Branch Site Closures

Sherburn Group Practice has notified the CCG of its intention to close 2 of its branch locations from 05 December 2016.

The sites concerned are:

The Chapel School Room - Church Fenton (Open Tue 12:00-12:30)

The Methodist Chapel - Ulleskelf (Open Tue and Fri 12:00-12:30)

The Practice has raised concerns over the safety of delivering services from these sites, neither of which qualify for N3 connections to their clinical system.

The Practice has undertaken patient consultation, and has received no negative feedback from patients regarding services or access. The 1.5 hours consulting time that is currently delivered from these sites will be re-provided from the Practice’s main site in Sherburn.

The Committee is asked to note this change.

4. Elvington Surgery – Branch Site Relocation

Elvington Surgery has notified the CCG of its intention relocate its branch surgery from temporary space that they were using in MyHealth's Dunnington Branch, to space in Dunnington Pharmacy from 01 September 2016.

The Dunnington Pharmacy has recently moved into its new building, which contains a spacious and modern treatment room and separate consulting room. The Practice felt that this offered the best environment for them to operate clinics in the village.

The Practice undertook appropriate patient consultation, and there were no significant issues re. patient feedback and there is no change in service provision. There may be a small change to notional rent (the Practice needs the District Valuer to confirm) but this is likely to be a reduction.

The Committee is asked to note this change.

5. Practices Considering Moves to Other CCG's

NHS Vale of York CCG has recently been approached by Leeds North CCG to ask about two Practices, Tadcaster and South Milford, who have made enquiries around potentially moving to Leeds North CCG.

The South Milford Practice is currently planning to merge with Bramham Practice, which is situated in Leeds North. The main driver is around consolidating clinical and business services in order to operate more efficiently. South Milford Practice has also hosted two recent meetings with Community Services staff from each CCG area to try to agree reciprocal arrangements for working with patients who live on either side of the CCG boundary. There is a general consensus that the community teams could work more flexibly with 'cross-border' patients, but no agreement has yet been formalised.

Tadcaster Practice has expressed an interest in moving to Leeds North CCG. Preliminary conversations suggest that this is partly due to the Practice having difficulty accessing wrap-around community based services, particularly since the closure of Tadcaster Clinic following the flooding at the end of 2015.

Both Practices have been visited recently by CCG staff, with further visits planned.

Leeds North CCG has requested information regarding allocations and secondary care spend for both Practices to enable an impact assessment to be undertaken.

Agreement to either of these potential moves would require a change to both CCG's constitutions as per the guidance here <https://www.england.nhs.uk/wp-content/uploads/2016/11/guidance-constitution-mergers-dissolution-nov16.pdf>

The Committee is asked to agree actions to address these requests.

6. Scott Road PMS Contract

The Scott Road Surgery PMS contract is still awaiting final approval and sign off from the Practice. The Practice has requested details around the financial implications and the terms of the new contract – this is in relation to the NHS England initiated programme where the PMS premium is reduced over a period of 4 years (this process is in its second year).

NHS Vale of York CCG in its fully delegated capacity now has responsibility for managing how the reductions in the PMS premium across all its PMS Practices is reinvested back into General Practice.

As the Practice has not yet signed its new PMS contract, the PMS premium has continued to be paid to the Practice and will need to be recovered and reinvested. NHS England and CCG finance colleagues are aware of this and working with the Practice to reach a mutually agreeable solution.

NHS Vale of York CCG is working with colleagues in the NHS England Regional team, and the Practice Manager and Partners to finalise and sign this contract as soon as possible.

The Committee is asked to note this issue. An update will be presented at the next meeting of the Committee.