

Nottingham North and East Clinical Commissioning Group

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Summary Purpose of Paper:	<p>The purpose of this paper is to consider the extension of the patient list closure at Whyburn Medical Practice and update the Committee regarding progress made in securing future service provision at Whyburn Medical Practice. The current patient list is due to re-open on 1 May 2019 and the practice have requested an extension to their list closure until 31 May 2019. The Committee is asked to approve the list closure extension and note the information in relation to future service provision.</p> <p>Overview</p> <p>Whyburn Medical Practice applied to close their patient list on 11 October 2018 for a period of 12 months and the original application is included as Annex 1. The rationale for submission of this application was due to the practice facing unprecedented pressures and further stated that they were reaching 'crisis point'. The application was considered at the PCCC meeting held on 31 October 2018. The Committee agreed to a list closure for a period of six months and it was confirmed that the patient list would re-open on 1 May 2019.</p> <p>The practice exercised its right to terminate the contract on 30 November 2018 and the contract will accordingly cease on 31 May 2019. Following approval from the Committee on 12 December 2018, an accelerated tender exercise was undertaken and a provider has been identified to provide primary medical services at Whyburn Medical Practice from 1 June 2019 under an APMS Contract.</p> <p>The new provider from 1 June 2019 was publicly announced on 28 March 2019 as Primary Integrated Community Services (PICS) Ltd; there are notices on both the websites of the CCG and Whyburn Medical Practice. PICS Ltd are now working with Whyburn Medical Practice, the CCG and NHS England to ensure a smooth transfer of services and continuity from a patient perspective.</p>						

List closure

Whyburn Medical Practice's list is currently due to re-open on 1 May 2019 and the practice has requested that the list closure be extended until 31 May 2019 which will be their last day as the contract holders. Due to the planned change of provider at Whyburn Medical Practice, the current partners will need to focus resources on ensuring safe transfer of services.

In Whyburn Medical Practice's original application to close their practice list they detailed the following contributing factors as rationale for the application:

- An unresolved dispute with their landlord, NHS Property Services (NHSPS), in common with many other tenants of NHSPS. The practice stated that they were finding it difficult to recruit partners or permanent staff due to their concerns about resolution of historic charges, potential impact of future charges and uncertainty surrounding the viability of the business.
- Significant workforce pressure including the retirement and departure of partners. Furthermore, there were partner absences due to sickness and maternity leave. The practice was utilising locums to cover 18 clinical sessions per week.
- Furthermore, the practice operates on a PMS agreement and was anticipated to reach the tipping point towards GMS being preferential in 2019, subject to contract uplift negotiations.

The practice's original application is included as appendix 1.

The practice list size has remained relatively stable since the list closure was approved in October 2018. The list size on 1 January 2019 was 11,889 which was a slight decrease (-0.53%) of 11,952 patients on 1 October 2018.


Local practices

There are three practices within a 1 mile radius of Whyburn Medical Practice; all with an open patient list. Local practices have not been engaged with in relation to this list closure extension but it is publicly known that Whyburn Medical Practice's contract will come to an end on 31 May 2019. The practices are also aware that the incoming provider will be PICS Ltd. Torkard Hill Medical Centre and Oakenhall Medical Practice previously responded in relation to the original application stating they did not support the list closure application.

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Recommendation:	The Primary Care Commissioning Committee is asked to: APPROVE the extension of Whyburn Medical Practice's list closure until 31 May 2019 NOTE progress to date regarding the securing of future service provision at Whyburn Medical Practice		
Annex 1 – Whyburn Medical Practice application to close their list			 Application to close practice list.pdf