

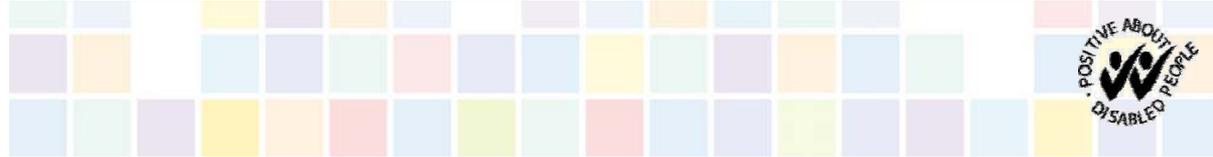
## General Practice Association (GPA) Development Programme Update and GPA Support to Care Planning

Governing Body meeting

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Key messages	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The GPA Development Programme continues to provide positive results</li> <li>The second workshop held in October was a well attended and vibrant meeting providing the opportunity to explore a potential commissioning scenario and likely provider responses</li> </ul>	
Assurance Framework (AF)	
<p><b>Assurance Framework Number 4.5</b></p> <p><b>How does this paper provide assurance to the Governing Body that the risk is being addressed?</b>  Governing Body can be assured that discussions are ongoing and potential risks are being appropriately assessed.</p> <p><b>Is this an existing or additional control:</b>  Additional</p>	
Equality/Diversity Impact	
<p><b>Has an equality impact assessment been undertaken?</b> No</p> <p><b>Which of the 9 Protected Characteristics does it have an impact on?</b> None</p>	
Public and Patient Engagement	
Not applicable at this stage	
Recommendations	
The Governing Body is asked to note the contents of this paper.	



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### **1. Introduction**

This paper provides Governing Body with an update on the progress made at the second GP Association Development Workshop held in October.

### **2. Context**

At last month's Governing Body meeting members were advised of the proposed GP Association Development Programme which comprises three workshops between September and November. An assessment of the first workshop was also provided.

The programme is an initial attempt to enable GPAs and the CCG to engage in discussion around the potential for GPAs, and for primary care to develop a provider response to the CCG's commissioning intentions, in a way which both supports the wider integration agenda within Sheffield and which recognises the rules relating to choice and competition.

### **3. Workshop Summary**

The workshop was extremely well attended with a total of 52 attendees.

- North (3 GPs / 4 PMs)
- Central (4 GPs / 8 PMs)
- West (1 GPs / 4 PMs)
- HASC (5 GPs / 8 PMs)

The first half of the session entailed a presentation from the South and West Yorkshire Commissioning support Unit on the rules and context of procurement; when the CCG should test the market and when testing the market may not be appropriate. The requirements of an AQP bid were also considered.

During the second half of the workshop, attendees were given a fictitious commissioning scenario, which entailed a basket of services the CCG would wish to see provided in community settings. Locality based discussion groups, facilitated by the locality managers, were then tasked with working through how, within this scenario, universal coverage could be secured and to identify the opportunities and challenges such an approach might raise. The feedback from this session was extremely positive, in that there was a genuine feel that if Sheffield CCG were to adopt a similar 'basket' approach that a locality based mechanism - GPAs were considered too small a footprint for many

services - could secure universal coverage in a way that delivers the imperative to support the integration agenda.

For the next session GPA and locality leads have been asked to continue considering and firming up their ideas around universal provision. CCG colleagues have agreed to seek further advice on the rules around testing the market and how to arrive at a win-win position.

#### **4. GPA Support to Care Planning**

The workshop also gave the opportunity to explore progress on how GPAs are planning to support their constituent practices in the delivery of the Care Planning Locally Commissioned Service. Most GPAs are considering their approach, however there was a strong feeling that, for the most part, it is for individual practices to take the bulk of the work forward with the GPA having a role of peer support and promoting discussion with health and social care colleagues who are unable to support individual practice issues.

#### **5. Planning for Workshop Three**

The third workshop is planned to be held on 20 November. This session will provide the opportunity for the GPAs to understand and consider a more realistic commissioning scenario for Sheffield, based on the early thinking around the content of our commissioning intentions, and to start to action plan with CCG colleagues how they intend to move forward.

This session will also firm up arrangements for GPAs forming a possible confederation of leads to meet on an ongoing basis with commissioners. An update on this workshop along with an overall evaluation of the programme will be presented at December Governing Body meeting.

#### **6. Recommendation**

Governing Body is asked to note the content of this paper.

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