

General Practice Association Development

Governing Body meeting

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Key messages	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The initial workshop of the GPA Development Programme was held in September</li> <li>• The session gave the opportunity to explore the potential of GPAs</li> <li>• GPAs gave an honest assessment of their progress</li> </ul>	
Assurance Framework (AF)	
<p><b>Risk Reference (RR) Number</b> (1.3, 4.6, 5.2)</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>	
Public and Patient Engagement	
Not applicable at this stage	
Recommendations	
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#### 1. Background

1.1 Over the last 12 months or so the GP Associations (GPAs) – groups of practices in a geographical area federating to implement service delivery – have been forming to improve integrated working within community multi-disciplinary teams.

1.2 As reported at last month's Governing Body meeting by the Accountable Officer, a GPA Development Programme has been developed to commence in September and end in November. This paper provides an update to Governing Body on the issues covered at the initial workshop.

#### 2. Programme Outline

2.1 The programme comprises three workshops, timed to help inform the CCG's Commissioning Intentions of 2014/15 and beyond. A broad outline of the proposed topics to be considered at each session is given below:

Month	To Include
Early September: <i>Moving Forward at Pace</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Update from each GPA on progress, areas of exploration etc <input type="checkbox"/> Identifying potential commissioning shifts offering provider opportunities <input type="checkbox"/> Consideration of how primary care (individual practices, smaller practice grouping, GPAs, confederations, companies etc) might respond. <input type="checkbox"/> Discussion on further support needed to realise the potential (this will help shape the following two sessions)
Mid-October: <i>Responding to The Procurement Imperative</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Further in-depth look at the potential provider responses, what's required of each, pros and cons etc. <input type="checkbox"/> Briefing on the rules around Procurement, Competition etc <input type="checkbox"/> When (and why) to AQP/test the market <input type="checkbox"/> When (and why) to integrate and not test the market
End November: <i>When and How to Partner, Collaborate, Go It Alone</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Exploring the 'offer' to GPAs from other established providers <input type="checkbox"/> Determining the scope for providers to work together <input type="checkbox"/> Action Plan development for each GPA

#### 3. Update from Initial Workshop

3.1 A summary assessment of the initial workshop is provided below:

- The workshop was very well attended, with each GPA having representation from a GP or management lead or, in a few cases, both;

- The presentations given covered the CCG's emerging commissioning intentions, the developing landscape for primary care, and options for GPA provider forms;
- Each GPA provided an open assessment of current structure, early wins and key challenges;
- Whilst there are varying stages of development, considerable progress has been made in a relatively short time

3.2 The feedback given by participants during the workshop included:

- The need to secure engagement and enthusiasm of the wider GP constituency for the GPA approach;
- A recognition that general practice continues to be extremely busy and that capacity to develop some GPAs may be limited;
- A request for further clarity on the vision and potential GPA response. As a result of this feedback, it was agreed that the October programme would be amended to include a commissioning scenario which GPAs could work through and consider a potential provider response;
- A willingness to continue meeting as a city-wide group after the Development Programme has finished.

#### **4. Recommendations**

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