

Application to the Retained GP Scheme**Primary Care Commissioning Committee meeting****C****15 July 2021**

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Purpose of Paper	
To ask Primary Care Commissioning Committee (PCCC) to consider a request for funding under the national GP Retention Scheme in line with the approach approved by PCCC in September 2020.	
Key Issues	
<p>The role of the Primary Care Commissioning Committee (PCCC) is to confirm if sufficient budget remains to support any application to the GP Retention Scheme once approved by Health Education England (HEE).</p> <p>A recurrent budget of £50k was established in 2018/19 and is fully committed. A request, approved by HEE, was submitted to the CCG for consideration in May 2021. PCCC is asked to decline the application as insufficient funding is available. The applicant will be offered a place on the scheme waiting list.</p>	
Is your report for Approval / Consideration / Noting	
Approval	
Recommendations / Action Required by Primary Care Commissioning Committee	
<p>The Primary Care Commissioning Committee is asked to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Decline the application to the GP Retention Scheme as insufficient funding is available. 	
What assurance does this report provide to the Primary Care Commissioning Committee in relation to Governing Body Assurance Framework (GBAF) objectives?	
Which of the CCG's Objectives does this paper support?	
<p>Strategic Objectives –</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> To improve patient experience and access to care To improve the quality and equality of healthcare in Sheffield To ensure there is a sustainable, affordable healthcare system in Sheffield To ensure there is a sustainable, affordable healthcare system in Sheffield Organisational development to ensure CCG meets organisational health and capability requirements 	
Does this report relate to a formal statutory / delegated Primary Care responsibility of the CCG?	
Yes – planning	

Are there any Resource Implications (including Financial, Staffing etc)?
The budget for the scheme is fully committed.
Have you carried out an Equality Impact Assessment and is it attached?
Not applicable
<i>Have you involved patients, carers and the public in the preparation of the report?</i>
No

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1. Introduction

- 1.1. The purpose of the GP Retention Scheme is to provide ‘a package of financial and educational support to help doctors who might otherwise leave the profession to remain in clinical general practice’. Applicants may remain in clinical practice for a maximum of four clinical sessions per week, which includes protected time for continuing professional development and educational support.
- 1.2. In September 2018 the Primary Care Commissioning Committee agreed a recurrent budget of £50,000 to fund eligible applications, approved by HEE, to the GP Retention Scheme at a cost of £5,000 per session.
- 1.3. In September 2020 PCCC agreed a principle whereby when an application to the Retained GP Scheme was received that exceed current available budget the applicant would be invited to reduce their sessions to meet available budget, or if this was not possible, be offered a place on a waiting list.
- 1.4. There are currently four GPs on the scheme in Sheffield and the budget is fully committed. The current position is set out in table 1, below.

Table 1: Approved Retention Scheme Applications at July 2021

	Retainer 1	Retainer 2	Retainer 4	Retainer 5
HEE Approved?	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Practice	Stannington	Carterknowle and Dore	White House	Upwell Street
Number of sessions/week	4	3	2	2
Cost per year (for up to 5 years)	£15,076	£15,000	£10,000	£10,000

4. Current Position

A new application to join the GP retention scheme has been received:

	Applicant 1
HEE Approved?	Yes
Practice	Forge Medical Group
Number of Sessions/week	2.25
Cost per year (for up to 5 years)	£11,250

The budget for the scheme is currently fully committed and therefore it is not possible to fund this application. However, the applicant will be offered a place on the waiting list established by the CCG.

5 Action for Primary Care Commissioning Committee

The Primary Care Commissioning Committee is asked to:

- Decline the application to the GP Retention Scheme as insufficient funding is available.

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