

NHS England General Practice Infrastructure Fund

NHS England, North Recommendations arising from Assessment of Bids Received for funding in 2015/16

1 Purpose

This report sets out the proposals for NHS England, North for the investment of the General Practice Infrastructure Funds in 2015/16.

The proposals for investment have been developed to ensure that the intended outcomes are achieved, specifically:

- Improving access to general practice (including increased appointment and patient contact time); and/or
- Enhancing services to support patients manage their conditions in community settings, with a measurable reduction in emergency attendances or admissions to hospital for those over 75

Bids have also been prioritised based on:

- Clear identified need
- Value for money
- Extent to which the scheme supports the longer-term strategic direction for the local health and care system
- Ability to work with wider public services
- Deliverability in 2015/2016
- Longer term sustainability

The indicative funding allocation for NHS England, North in 2015/16 is circa £60m.

2 Process of Review and Assurance Undertaken

In summary, the North process for evaluating the Primary Care Infrastructure applications has been through local geographical patch based assessment, with a regional overview and review process to ensure consistency in approach across the whole Region.

The NHS England North region locality teams initially assessed all applications against the key criteria as articulated in the Barbara Hakin letter of 15th January to all practices i.e.:

- Does the bid demonstrate how it would increase access to services (including increased appointments and patient contact time); and/or

- Does the bid demonstrate how it would enhance services to support patients to manage their conditions in community settings and result in a reduction in hospital admissions for the frail and elderly, including people over 75?

Any bid which did not meet the above was screened out at the initial stage, with an assessment of whether or not the proposal would be eligible for an improvement grant under existing processes.

Bids were then assessed from a financial and service perspective with input from finance, commissioners and from NHS PS and PAU representatives who provided technical advice. A key question was the “strategic fit” of the proposed schemes in the context of local objectives and priorities.

The process was shared with all LMCs within geographical areas, and comments invited on the process, but not on specific bids. Some bids did include letters of support from the relevant local LMC.

All bids were sent to the relevant CCG, alongside the local NHS England team assessment, and comments were invited. These were fed into a second panel meeting where the assessment was further reviewed in the light of comments made. A final prioritisation process was then undertaken by the senior commissioning geographical team, the outcome of which was again communicated to all CCGs.

A regional moderation meeting was held on Monday 2 March 2015, chaired by Dr Damian Riley, Medical Director, NHS England, North. The meeting involved Directors of Commissioning from each geographical locality team, NHS Property Services and Regional specialists from Primary Care, Finance, and Informatics. The regional panel confirmed processes undertaken locally including engagement with CCGs and LMCs, and agreed some points of principle. Locality team representatives highlighted the variable quality of submissions received and a lack of consistency in whether applications were submitted using the IG template or the PID template.

A number of regional principles and assumptions were agreed:

- Applications which were largely only about improvement grants for physical access improvements, ‘floors and doors’, refresh and refurbishments of interior or compliance with DDA, would not be approved unless part of a wider strategic premises plan for greater utilisation of the existing premises going forward – these aspects should form part of general improvement grants sought through the normal capital planning investment process.
- On-going recurrent revenue costs associated with premises developments, these were difficult to estimate without DV valuation and therefore a broad assumption that potential recurrent revenue costs in order of approximately

7% of total capital value for extensions and new developments should be made.

- IT costs of developing new build, extensions or increases in clinical consulting rooms may not yet form part of the initial funding application and therefore would need to be factored in to the financial planning.

Following the regional panel, recommendations were agreed for review at the National Panel meeting.

The GPIF National Panel meeting was held on 11th March 2015. The Panel was convened to provide assurance that:

- there was a consistent application of criteria across NHS England;
- any geographic variations were identified and understood;
- proposed programmes of investment were affordable; and
- there was alignment with other national programmes, specifically the PMCF and the Transformation Fund.

3 Summary of Final Recommendations for NHS England, North

NHS England, North received 542 bids.

	Improvement Grant	PID	Total
Bids Received	381	161	542

The bids which met the essential criteria were subject to a more detailed assessment to ensure that they were compliant with premises directions, strategically aligned to the local primary care strategy and affordable in the context of ongoing revenue consequences. In addition, confirmation was sought regarding CCG support, local NHS England support, and appropriate declarations signed.

Following the National Panel meeting the regional team has completed further work to ensure recommendations are in line with the principles agreed by the National Panel. The outcome of this work is summarised below.

	Bids supported for funding in 2015/16 subject to clarifications and due diligence	Bids supported in principle but further work required.	Bids not supported
Outcome of review	158	169	215

The total funding associated with the bids which have received support in principle for funding in 2015/16 for Midlands and East is £56,149,960 against an indicative allocation of £60,000,000,000. This figure is subject to change as the process of due diligence is undertaken.

The following provides a summary by CCG.

	Bids supported for funding in 2015/16 subject to clarifications and due diligence	Bids supported in principle but further work required.	Bids not supported
Airedale, Wharfedale and Craven CCG	1	6	1
Barnsley CCG	3	0	7
Bassetlaw CCG	1	0	1
Blackburn with Darwen CCG	2	1	5
Blackpool CCG	3	1	0
Bolton CCG	3	1	4
Bradford City CCG	0	2	0
Bradford Districts CCG	1	5	5
Bury CCG	1	1	4
Calderdale CCG	0	4	3
Central Manchester CCG	7	4	8
Chorley and South Ribble CCG	5	3	4
Cumbria CCG	4	8	3
Darlington CCG	0	0	1
Doncaster CCG	4	0	8
Durham, Dales, Easington & Sedgefield CCG	0	3	2
East Lancashire CCG	5	1	4
East Riding of Yorkshire CCG	5	10	1
Eastern Cheshire	3	0	1
Fyde & Wyre CCG	2	5	0
Gateshead CCG	1	1	6
Greater Huddersfield CCG	0	8	2
Greater Preston CCG	4	4	2
Halton CCG	0	0	1
Hambleton, Richmondshire & Whitby CCG	1	1	2
Harrogate and Rural District CCG	0	2	2
Hartlepool and Stockton on Tees CCG	1	1	1
Heywood Middleton & Rochdale CCG	3	1	5
Hull CCG	2	5	1
Knowsley CCG	0	0	1
Lancashire North CCG	2	3	0
Leeds North CCG	1	5	0
Leeds South & East CCG	1	7	4
Leeds West CCG	0	6	7
Liverpool CCG	6	1	10

	Bids supported for funding in 2015/16 subject to clarifications and due diligence	Bids supported in principle but further work required.	Bids not supported
Newcastle North CCG	1	0	1
Newcastle West CCG	0	2	0
North Durham CCG	0	2	1
North East Lincolnshire CCG	5	4	4
North Kirklees CCG	0	7	6
North Lincolnshire CCG	4	4	8
North Manchester CCG	7	2	1
North Tyneside CCG	1	3	3
Northumberland CCG	2	5	1
Oldham CCG	3	2	0
Rotherham CCG	1	0	9
Salford CCG	3	1	7
Scarborough CCG	1	6	0
Sheffield CCG	15	3	11
South Cheshire CCG	1	0	3
South Manchester CCG	6	1	5
South Sefton CCG	3	0	3
South Tees CCG	1	3	1
South Tyneside CCG	1	0	1
Southport and Formby CCG	4	0	2
St Helens CCG	2	0	0
Stockport CCG	6	1	3
Sunderland CCG	1	0	4
Tameside and Glossop CCG	1	1	4
Trafford CCG	4	0	0
Vale of York CCG	0	9	2
Vale Royal CCG	0	0	4
Wakefield CCG	0	8	5
Warrington CCG	3	2	2
West Cheshire CCG	0	0	4
West Lancashire CCG	2	0	0
Wigan Borough CCG	3	3	12
Wirral CCG	5	0	2
Total	158	169	215

Appendices 1 and 2 provide a list of all bids submitted and the outcome of the assessment process.