

Item Number: 15

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Meeting of the Governing Body

1 September 2016



Vale of York

Clinical Commissioning Group

Prescribing Policies

**Purpose of Report
For Approval**

Rationale

Both policies have been approved at Quality and Finance Committee on 21 July 2016. Keith Ramsay and Helen Hirst agreed to delegate the authority to the Quality and Finance Committee to approve the policies on behalf of the Governing Body. They were approved as an urgent decision to expedite the financial impact of the policies. Governing Body are requested to ratify the approval of these policies.

Prescribing Policy For Primary Care Providers

Around 15-20% of a clinical commissioning group's money is spent on medicines; ~£50 million is spent on medicines in the Vale of York locality per year. It is the role of NHS Vale of York Clinical Commissioning Group to manage the local medicines bill, to ensure the most clinically appropriate, cost effective and safe use of medicines across the locality.

The CCG wants to commission the best treatments for local patients and wants the right clinician to have responsibility for those treatments. We want patients to have access to medicines which improve the quality of their care, that have demonstrated cost effectiveness and are safe. This policy outlines how we commission medicines and what we expect prescribers to consider before prescribing a medicine.

For information this policy has been to the following groups for consultation and their views have been incorporated as appropriate:

Local Medical Committee – YORLMC
All GP Prescribing Leads in NHS Vale of York Clinical Commissioning Group
All Council of Representatives GP Lead in NHS Vale of York Clinical Commissioning Group

Repeat Ordering Schemes (Managed Repeats) Policy

NHS Vale of York Clinical Commissioning Group has identified a number of areas to help address the issue of waste medicines in the NHS and to help control the cost growth which is placing considerable strain on our local prescribing budgets.

'Managed repeats'/ repeat ordering schemes operated by Community Pharmacies, in which

Community Pharmacy orders repeat prescriptions on behalf of patients, have been identified as an area which could be creating unnecessary medication waste and hence adopting this best practice policy will help to minimise this waste and ensure NHS Vale of York Clinical Commissioning Group make best use of NHS resources.

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Community Pharmacy North Yorkshire
Local Medical Committee – YORLMC
All GP Prescribing Leads in NHS Vale of York Clinical Commissioning Group
All Council of Representatives GP Lead in NHS Vale of York Clinical Commissioning Group
Healthwatch York

Strategic Priority Links

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Primary Care/ Integrated Care | <input type="checkbox"/> Planned Care/ Cancer |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Urgent Care | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Prescribing |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Effective Organisation | <input type="checkbox"/> Financial Sustainability |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mental Health/Vulnerable People | |

Local Authority Area

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CCG Footprint | <input type="checkbox"/> East Riding of Yorkshire Council |
| <input type="checkbox"/> City of York Council | <input type="checkbox"/> North Yorkshire County Council |

Impacts/ Key Risks

- Financial
 Legal
 Primary Care
 Equalities

Recommendations

The Governing Body is requested to ratify the decision by the Quality and Finance Committee to approve both policies

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Annexes

Repeat Ordering Schemes (Managed Repeats) Policy and Prescribing Policy For Primary Care Providers are attached for members and available at <http://www.valeofyorkccg.nhs.uk/about-us/governing-body-meetings/>