

REPORT TO:	Primary Care Committee	
MEETING DATE:	16 May 2016	
REPORT TITLE:	PMS Premium update	
SUMMARY OF REPORT:	The Committee is requested to note the letter which has been sent to practices who have not returned the contract variation.	
REPORT RECOMMENDATIONS:	For information only	
FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:	None	
REPORT CATEGORY:	Formally Receipt	Tick
	Action the recommendations outlined in the report.	
	Debate the content of the report	
	Receive the report for information	√
AUTHOR:	NHS England	
	Report supported & approved by your Senior Lead	Y
PRESENTED BY:	NHS England	
OTHER COMMITTEES/ GROUPS CONSULTED:	Senior Management Team Executive Management Team	
EQUALITY ANALYSIS (EA) :	Has an EA been completed in respect of this report?	N
	Assume this will form part of due diligence.	
RISKS:		N
CONFLICT OF INTEREST:		Y
PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT:		N
PRIVACY STATUS OF THE REPORT:	Can the document be shared?	Y
Which Strategic Objective does the report relate to		Tick
1	Commission the right services for patients to be seen at the right time, in the right place, by the right professional.	√
2	Optimise appropriate use of resources and remove inefficiencies.	√
3	Improve access, quality and choice of service provision within Primary Care	√
4	Work with colleagues from Secondary Care and Local Authorities to develop seamless care pathways	

**NHS EL CCG – Primary Care Committee
18 May 2016**

PMS Premium Update

1.0 Background

Following the issue of contract variations to PMS practices in the East Lancashire footprint to enact the changes in regards to the PMS Premium deduction, for the practices who have not signed and returned the contract variation. The letter noted below will be sent to practices to request clarification in regards to their intention.

RE: Personal Medical Services ("PMS") Agreement Review

We are writing further to previous correspondence from both NHS England and East Lancashire CCG with regard to the PMS review process dated 24th November 2015 and 3rd February 2016 which notified you of our intention to alter the terms of your PMS agreement payment terms under paragraph 98(1) of Schedule 5 to the National Health Service (Personal Medical Services Agreements) Regulations 2004 (S.I. 2004/627)

You will recall that the PMS review process being conducted by the East Lancashire CCG was considered at the 15th February 2016 meeting of the Primary Care Committee. The Committee noted a request made by Ros Roughton, Director of Commissioning (NHS England) in a letter to NHS England to highlight practices whose funding would be reduced by greater than £7.57 per head of weighted population. In light of this request the Committee requested that no further decisions be taken within East Lancashire pending the outcome of this exercise.

The General Practice Forward View which was published by NHS England in April 2016 clarifies that NHS England is committed to ensuring the review of PMS contracts is completed in the interest of equity across all practices. In the interest of stability, these changes are being phased over a minimum of four years nationally, ensuring there is a water tight reinvestment plan for all savings in local general practices, and engaging in individual conversations with practices that are particularly challenged.

Within East Lancashire, the PMS review process has been undertaken including an assessment of whether any practice is providing services over and above GMS. Where additional services have been identified, the CCG has discussed with

individual practices its intentions in relation to the future commissioning of these services. In addition, conversations have taken place with practices that are particularly challenged to discuss how they can be supported.

The CCG has developed a plan for reinvestment of the PMS resource across East Lancashire details of which are attached.

Following completion of the review process, we are writing to request the practice to advise the CCG if it is the practice intention to sign the contract variation. At this stage, we are purely seeking to establish the practices intention. Once confirmation has been received, we will arrange for the appropriate documentation to be sent to your practice to be signed.

Would you please advise whether it is the practice's intention to sign the contract variation notice by Friday 13th May 2016.