Buckinghamshire CCG

Amersham Hospital

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21st December 2018

Dear Neil Flint, Head of Commissioning for Planned Care

Re: Unfunded Non-Core GMS Services

We write on this matter as member practices within the southern member practices locality of NHS Buckinghamshire Clinical Commissioning Group.

Due to increasing workload pressures, the practices in the Southern locality have audited the workload due to non-GMS work that is in other areas funded by a LES. Some practices have already ceased some of these activities and as a locality, we have discussed this today and give the CCG notice as this will impact other currently commissioned services.   
  
1. **Ear syringing**: all of the Southern Locality practices will cease this from 1st March 2019. We will be providing information on ear care based on the Wessex LMC website and will be notifying patients in practices. Practices will continue to offer an assessment of ear problems and advice as in GMS contract.   
  
2. **24 Hr BP Monitoring**: Southern Locality practices (except the Allan practice) will cease this from 1st March 2019. Some practices have already stopped and are using secondary care providers for this.   
  
3. **Spirometry for diagnosis**: Southern Locality practices (except the Allan practice) will cease this from 1st March 2019.

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4. **ECG’s**: Some practices are already using secondary care providers for this at Hillingdon but this is not suitable for the entire locality. The locality practices will continue to provide this for the time being but will be looking to cease or be covered by a LES by August 2019.  This will impact upon e.g. mental health providers who request ECG from primary care pre-treatment.  
  
5. **Ring pessary** changes: all of the practices will stop from 1st March 2019 and refer back to Chiltern gynaecology.   
  
6. **PSA monitoring** on 'discharge' from Urology. This is considered by the locality as not being safe as there is not a robust system for recall and monitoring PSA velocity. The locality is aware of new draft NICE guidance around this and will not be accepting a discharge to primary care for this with immediate effect.   
  
7. **MGUS monitoring**: There is no robust system for recall and monitoring therefore the southern locality practices will not be continuing to do this. We are aware that Haematology at BHT has recently declined a referral from The Hall Practice as they were not going to provide the monitoring this needs to be clearer as to the referral pathway.

Yours sincerely

For and on behalf of

The Southern Locality Practices

Allen, Denham, Hall, Ivers, Misbourne, Threeways and Southmead

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