

QUALITY PREMIUM

To: Health and Wellbeing Board

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1.0 PURPOSE

1.1 This report informs the Health and Wellbeing Board on the construction of the Quality Premium that is available to CCGs for the financial years 2017/18 and 2018/19.

2.0 BACKGROUND

2.1 The Quality Premium scheme is run by NHS England and rewards Clinical Commissioning Groups (CCGs) for improving the quality of the services that they commission, improving health outcomes and reducing inequalities.

2.2 Under the Quality Premium scheme a CCG can receive up to £5 per head of population for achieving the indicators in the scheme. For Cambridgeshire and Peterborough CCG this is up to £4.7 m per annum.

2.3 In line with operational planning the scheme is being set up as a two year scheme for 2017/18 and 2018/19.

3.0 SUPPORTING PARAGRAPHS

3.1 The Quality Premium is allocated on the basis of passing a Quality Gateway, a Financial Gateway, a NHS Constitution Gateway and then achieving 6 indicators
Five of these indicators are set nationally and the sixth is set by the CCG in conjunction with the NHS Regional Team.

3.2 The Quality Gateway that must be passed to receive the Quality Premium is that there are no serious quality failures in the CCG. A serious quality failure is defined as:

- a local provider has been subject to enforcement action by the Care Quality Commission;
or
- a local provider has been flagged as a quality compliance risk and/or have requirements in place around breaches of provider licence conditions; or a local provider has been subject to enforcement action based on a quality risk;
and

- it has been identified through NHS England's assessment of the CCG, in respect of the quality and governance elements of the Improvement and Assessment Framework, that the CCG is not considered to be making an appropriate, proportionate response with its partners to resolve the above quality failure; and
- this continues to be the position for the CCG at the end of year assessment.

- 3.3 The Financial Gateway means that a CCG will not receive the Quality Premium if
- in the view of NHS England, during the relevant financial year the CCG has not operated in a manner that is consistent with the obligations and principles set out in Managing Public Money¹;
 - or
 - the CCG ends the relevant financial year with an adverse variance against the planned surplus, breakeven or deficit financial position², or requires unplanned financial support to avoid being in this position;
 - or
 - it receives a qualified audit report in respect of the relevant financial year.

- 3.4 The NHS Constitution Gateway means that the amount payable under the Quality Premium will be reduced by 25% for each of the following 4 NHS constitution targets that are not achieved:
- Maximum 18 weeks from referral to treatment
 - Maximum 4 hour wait in Accident and Emergency Department
 - Maximum 62 day wait from urgent GP referral to first definitive treatment for cancer
 - Maximum 8 minute response time for Category A (Red 1) ambulance calls

- 3.5 If the CCG meets the above criteria it receives 17% of its calculated Quality Premium amount for achieving each of the following
- An improvement in the proportion of cancers diagnosed at an early stage
 - Improvement in the overall experience of making a GP appointment
 - Use of the continuing healthcare checklist and ensuring most assessments take place out of hospital
 - Reducing the number of out of area placements for mental health patients, improving equity of access and outcomes in the IAPT service and access to children's and young people's mental health services
 - Reducing the number of blood stream infections and in appropriate antibiotic prescribing

- 3.6 The final 15% of the possible Quality Premium amount is awarded for achieving a local indicator which is selected from the RightCare suite of indicators and is agreed with the NHS England Regional Team. At the time of writing this indicator is still being decided by the CCG in conjunction with NHS England.

4.0 ALIGNMENT WITH THE CAMBRIDGESHIRE HEALTH AND WELLBEING STRATEGY

The Quality Premium links to the following Health and Wellbeing strategy areas:

- Ensure a positive start to life for children, young people and their families
- Support older people to be independent, safe and well

- Encourage healthy lifestyles and behaviours in all actions and activities while respecting people’s personal choices

5.0 IMPLICATIONS

5.1 Achieving the Quality Premium increases the resources available to the Health System. Achievement is linked to performance standards. There are no legal implications, equality and diversity implications, or specific engagement or consultation issues.

6.0 RECOMMENDATION/DECISION REQUIRED

6.1 The Health and Wellbeing Board is asked to comment upon and note the above information about the CCG Quality Premium scheme for 2017/2018 and 2018/2019.

7.0 SOURCE DOCUMENTS

Source Documents	Location
Annex to NHS England Planning Guidance Technical Guidance B Information on the Quality Premium	https://www.england.nhs.uk/wp-content/uploads/2015/12/ann-b-qual-prem.pdf

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