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1	<p>Overview</p> <p>Over the last year a number of policies and publications have been released which inform the overall direction of primary care and required CCGs to think through future plans. This included the policy of primary care co-commissioning to increase CCG leadership of primary care commissioning and collaboration between CCGs and NHS England.</p> <p>In addition the Newark and Sherwood and Mansfield and Ashfield CCGs have developed their strategies for Primary Care, which align with the mid-Nottinghamshire service transformation programme 'Better Together'.</p> <p>This report sets out the new context for primary care and updates the Committee on progress with co-commissioning.</p>
2	<p>National and Local Context</p> <p>In May 2014, Simon Stevens (CE of NHS England) invited CCGs to come forward to take on an increased role in the commissioning of primary care services. The intention is to empower and enable CCGs to improve primary care services locally, in part through co-commissioning, by enabling CCGs to commission right across the pathway of care. The overall aim of primary care co-commissioning is to harness the energy of CCGs to create a joined up, clinically led commissioning system which delivers seamless, integrated out-of-hospital services based around the needs of local populations.</p> <p>The CCG Governing Bodies considered the co-commissioning options available to them at the Extra Ordinary Joint Meeting of the Newark & Sherwood CCG and Mansfield & Ashfield CCG Governing Body meeting on Wednesday 7 January 2015. Approval was given for the CCG to apply for delegated primary care (medical) commissioning.</p> <p>NHS England subsequently approved the CCG to take formally take full delegated responsibility for primary care (medical) commissioning from 1st April 2015. There is a formal delegation agreement in place between the individual CCGs and NHS England. The two CCGs are supported in this by the primary care commissioning staff in NHS England.</p> <p>A Primary Care Commissioning Committee has been established and this meets in public every two months. It is chaired by and has a lay majority. The governance arrangements are outlined in Appendix A.</p> <p>All 6 CCGs in Nottinghamshire County and Nottingham City have full delegated responsibility for primary care (medical) commissioning. To facilitate a consistency of commissioning process a leads group has been developed between the CCGs and NHS England.</p>

3	<p>Primary Care Commissioning Functions Relating to CCG's</p> <p>The formal delegation agreement for primary (medical) services outlines roles, responsibilities and accountabilities from 1st April 2015. Appendix B outlines to full range of delegated functions and obligations for both CCGs and NHS England.</p> <p>Some of the key areas delegated to CCGs include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Actively managing the Primary Medical Services Contract, including quality standards, incentives and the Quality Outcomes Framework. • Commissioning Enhanced Services • Design of Local Incentive Schemes • Planning the provider (primary medical services) landscape • Approving GP Practice Mergers and Closures <p>Newark and Sherwood CCG and Mansfield and Ashfield CCG, will ensure that engagement that NHS England undertook previously with Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee is strengthened in line with previous discussions between NHS England and the Health Scrutiny Committee.</p> <p>It is worth noting that there are a small number of functions that have been retained by NHS England. These functions primarily relate to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Management of the national performers list • Management of the revalidation and appraisal process • Functions relating to complaints management
5	<p>Newark and Sherwood CCG – Current Primary Care Work</p> <p>Alongside broader primary care development, the following issues may be of interest to Health Scrutiny Committee:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Significant housing expansion is planned for the Newark and District Council area. The CCG, in line with the District Councils refresh of their Housing Strategy will be undertaking further review of the health and health care requirements for the local population. The CCG would welcome the involvement of the Health Scrutiny Committee in this work as it develops. • The CCG in collaboration with NHS England colleagues, are working together with practices in the Rainworth area to identify options for sustainable premises development. This work is in very early stages and is identifying what options at a high level may be feasible. • The Rainworth Surgery and Sherwood Medical Partnership have merged their partnership from 1st May 2015. The new partnership still holds two separate contracts and the for the delivery of General Medical Services. One covering Rainworth and the other covering Clipstone/Farnsfield. • The re-procurement of the Alternative Provider Medical Services (APMS) Contract covering Balderton Primary Care Centre is currently underway and will conclude during 2016.
6	<p>Mansfield and Ashfield CCG – Current Primary Care Work</p> <p>Alongside broader primary care development, the following issue will be of interest to Health Scrutiny Committee:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Since 1st April Mansfield & Ashfield CCG, supported by NHS England (NHSE), have been planning the future of Kirkby Community Primary Care Centre contract. Central Nottingham

	<p>Clinical Services (CNCS) expressed their desire to terminate the contract early due to difficulties in recruiting to key clinical posts. An immediate interim solution was put into place supported by local GPs and a process to appoint a caretaker solution is underway; with the expected contract award by 31st July 2015. Work to award a longer term contract has also commenced.</p>
4	<p>Recommendation</p> <p>The Health Scrutiny Committee are requested to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Note the changes that have occurred in relation to the formal delegation agreement for primary (medical) services for Newark and Sherwood CCG and Mansfield and Ashfield CCG 2. Note the issues outlined in the paper relating to primary care in Newark and Sherwood CCG and Mansfield and Ashfield CCG

