

## Attachment 17

**Report to:** NEL CCG Joint Co-Commissioning Committee

**Presented by:** Heather Marsh – Head of Localities, NHS England

**Date of Meeting:** 28 April 2016

**Subject:** **Dr R Kumar – Temporary List Closure Request**

**Status:**  OPEN  CLOSED

Complies with latest CCG Strategy for Primary Medical Services, if not, please give a brief reason why:

**OBJECT OF REPORT:**

This report is to update the committee on matters pertaining to the request from Dr R Kumar to temporarily close his practice list.

**STRATEGY:**

N/A

**IMPLICATIONS:**

None to report

**RECOMMENDATIONS (R) AND ACTIONS (A) FOR AGREEMENT:**

To receive and action the recommendation.

		Yes/ No	Comments
	Does the document take account of and meet the requirements of the following:		
i)	Mental Capacity Act	Yes	
ii)	CCG Equality Impact Assessment	Yes	
iii)	Human Rights Act 1998	Yes	
iv)	Health and Safety at Work Act 1974	Yes	
v)	Freedom of Information Act 2000 / Data Protection Act 1998	Yes	
iv)	Does the report have regard of the principles and values of the NHS Constitution? <a href="http://www.dh.gov.uk/en/Publicationsandstatistics/Publications/PublicationsPolicyAndGuidance/DH_113613">www.dh.gov.uk/en/Publicationsandstatistics/Publications/PublicationsPolicyAndGuidance/DH_113613</a>	Yes	

## Introduction

Dr R Kumar has applied to temporarily close his patient list for a period of twelve months. The practice is located at the following address:-

Cromwell Primary Care Centre  
Cromwell Road  
Grimsby  
North East Lincolnshire  
DN31 2BH

The practice is made up of the following GPs and Health Care Professionals:-

Health Care Professional	Total Number employed	WTE
GPs	1	1
Practice Based Pharmacists	0	0
Advanced Care Practitioners	0	0
Physicians Associates	1	0.04
Practice Nurses	1	0.89
Health Care Assistants	1	0.09

The table below confirms the list size over the past 12 months:-

31.3.15	30.6.15	30.09.15	31.12.2015	Total movement from 31.12.14 to 31.12.15	% increase
2,388	2,372	2,391	2,400	12	0.50%

## Regulations

The GMS regulations schedule 6, part 2 and PMS regulations schedule 5, part 2 allow for a contractor to apply to NHS England to close their list. Amendments to the regulations were made in April 2012 which provided a clearer, more detailed process to ensure applications for list closure were applied more consistently.

## Practice application

The practice application has included the following information:-

- The practice have requested for the temporary list closure due to increasing work arising from new patients combined with existing patients which is increasing the clinical demands tremendously. As the practice is single handed it is felt that there are time constraints in providing and giving adequate time and care to every patient as well as the inability to attend developmental meetings and organizational work.
- The Practice have considered taking on a new Partner but financially this is not viable with a list size of 2,400 patients, The impact of neighbouring practices closing their lists has been felt by the practice.
- The patients have not formally been consulted with however there have been concerns raised from the patients when appointment availability has not been met due to time constraints.
- The practice would welcome any clinical support from NHS England in light of the fact the practice is single handed and there are financial limitations.

- The practice has a varying population requiring different types of Pathology it is hoped that if the application to close the patient list is successful, that this will enable the practice to 'catch up'. The practice feel that the Cromwell Primary Care Centre currently provides an excellent service but feel that the quality of this service would be compromised if the demands increase.

### Consultation with neighbouring practices and the LMC

In line with NHS England's policy, consultation has taken place with neighbouring practices, the CCG and the LMC Group Humberside.

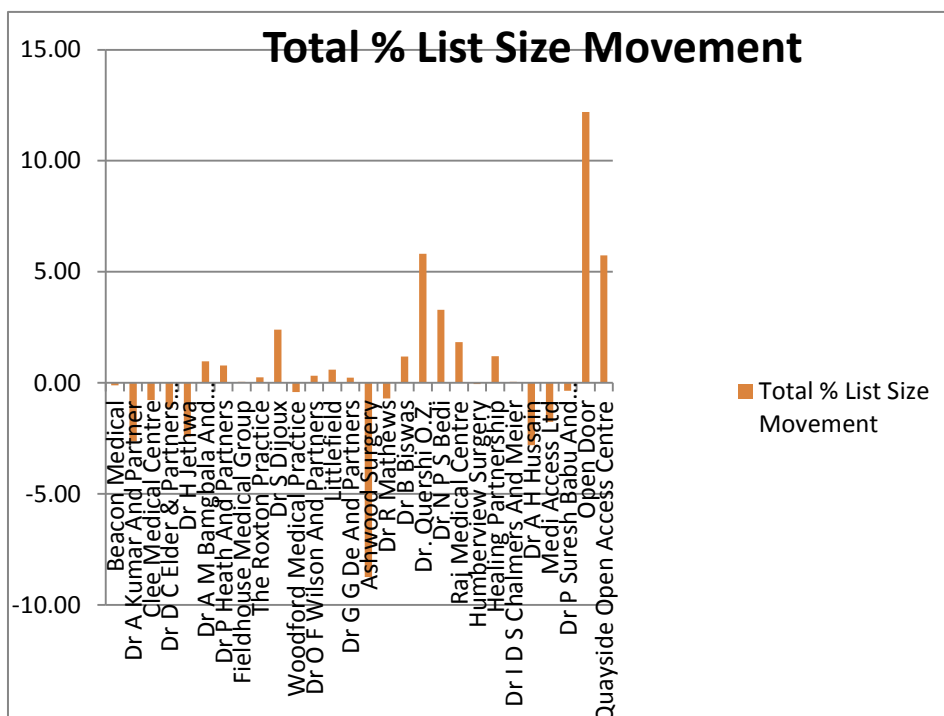
### Comments received following the consultation:-

Practice	Comments received
Scartho Medical Centre	Feel that if this application to temporarily close the patient list is approved that this will put a lot of pressure on those surgeries whose lists remain open and are therefore unable to support the application on this basis.
Dr Hopper & Partners	Have stated concerns that they will be the only practice with a list open in the building and closure of branch and surgeries local to them has increased demand. The practice are currently two GPs down since June 2015 and have been unable to recruit to these positions, this will only be increased when another GP leaves the practice in September of this year. The practice have already been identified as vulnerable and if the situation does not improve then will have no alternative than to also request a list closure.
LMC Group Humberside	The LMC notes the list size is 2,400 which is high for a single handed GP to manage. The LMC envisages that the costs of extra medical cover would not be viable for a small business unless it was intending to expand and grow. Under the circumstances, and taking into account the general trends in difficulty in recruiting the LMC would support this application. We are aware that this will impact on other neighbouring practices and we see a future escalation of applications to close lists

The two following tables demonstrate the changes in list sizes over the past year for the neighbouring practices.

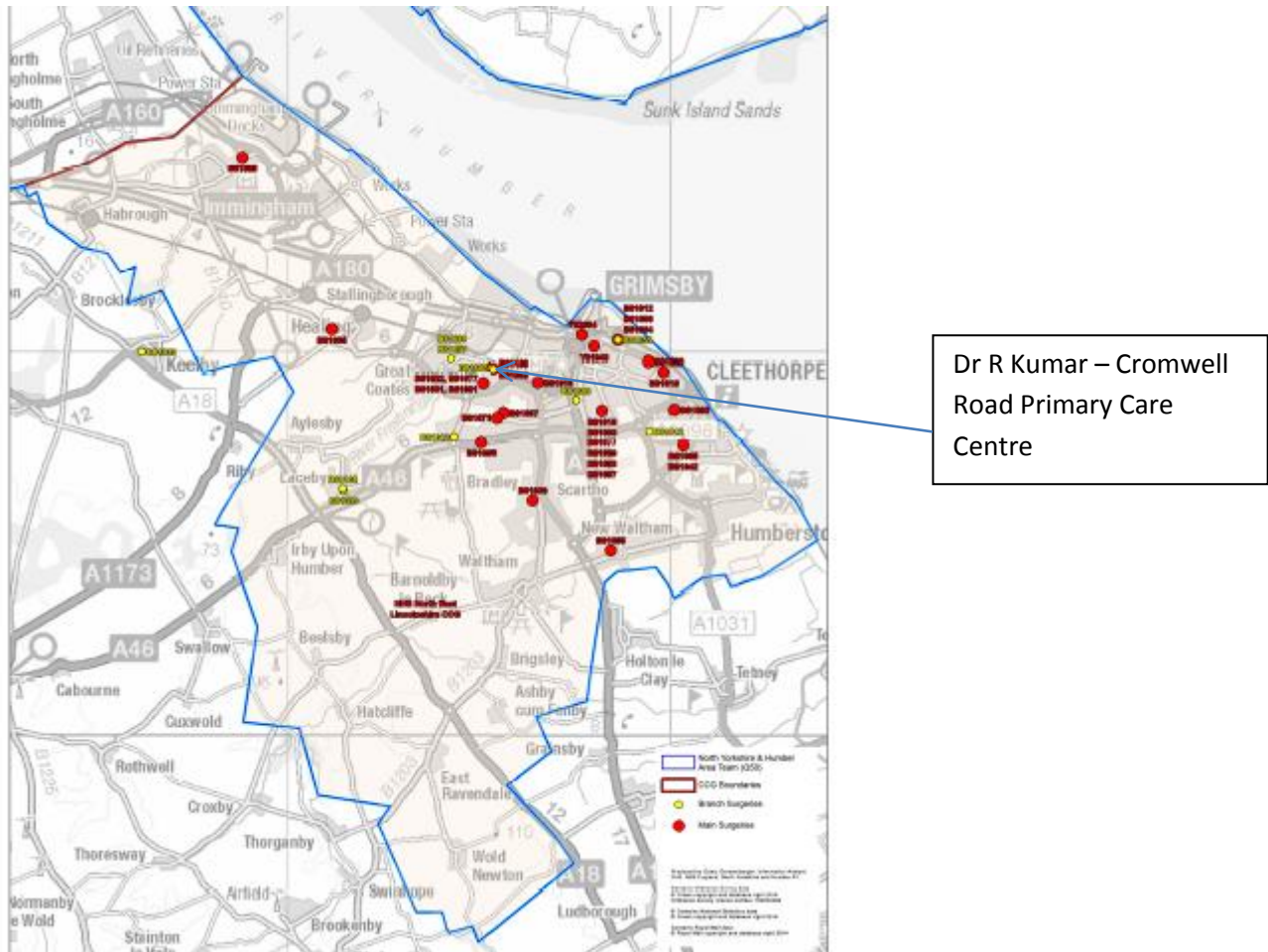
Practice	Practice Code	Percentage increase/decrease %	Open/Closed List
Beacon Medical	B81003	-0.11%	Open
Dr R N Crombie And Partners	B81015	-0.77%	Open
Dr D C Elder & Partners (Clee Medical Centre)	B81016	-1.11%	Open
Dr H Jethwa	B81019	-2.41%	Open
Dr A M Bamgbala And Partners	B81023	0.97%	Open
Dr P Heath And Partners	B81030	0.78%	Open
Fieldhouse Medical Group	B81031	0.06%	Open
The Roxton Practice	B81039	0.25%	Open
Dr S Dijoux	B81055	2.40%	Open
Woodford Medical Centre	B81077	-0.41%	Open

		0.32%	Open
Dr O F Wilson And Partners	B81087	0.60%	Closed until 31/5/16
Littlefield	B81091	0.24%	Open
Dr Sinha & De	B81108	-8.73%	Open
Roxton @ Weelsby View	B81603	-0.70%	Open
Dr R Mathews	B81606	1.19%	Open
Dr B Biswas	B81620	5.81%	Open
Dr O Z Quershi	B81642	3.29%	Open
Greenlands Surgery	B81655	1.84%	Open
Raj Medical Centre	B81656	-2.64%	Closed until 30/09/16
Dr A Kumar	B81012	-0.05%	Open
Humberview Surgery	B81664	1.20%	Open
Dr K S Koonar (Healing)	B81665	0.04%	Open
Dr I D S Chalmers And Meier	B81677	-2.80%	Open
Dr A H Hussain	B81689	-1.75%	Open
Dr E Amin (Medi Access Ltd)	B81693	-0.36%	Open
Dr P Suresh Babu And Partners	B81697	12.20%	Open
Open Door	Y01948	5.74%	Open
Quayside Open Access Centre	Y02684		



Please see the map which identifies the practices within North East Lincolnshire located by their practice code, establishing proximity of neighbouring practices

The Red dots indicate Main Practice Premises  
The Yellow dots indicate Branch Surgery Premises



### Additional factors to be considered by the Committee

The Committee will need to consider the impact this closure would have on neighbouring practices, bearing in mind the list closures currently in place with neighbouring practices and whether it would be reasonable to agree to a temporary twelve month closure period with a review during this period to consider the impact the closure is having.

### Recommendation

The North East Lincolnshire Joint Co-Commissioning Committee/ Officers of the CCG and NHS England are asked to:-

- Note the contents of this report
- Agree for the patient list to be temporarily closed for a period of twelve months with a review during this period.