


Agenda Item 10

Report to: (Board/Sub-Committee):	Primary Care Commissioning Committee
Date of Meeting:	4th December 2018
Subject:	Proposed Merger of two PMS Contracts: Dr AP Kumar and Beacon Medical Centre
Presented by:	Julie Wilson, Assistant Director

<b>STATUS OF THE REPORT (auto check relevant box)</b>	
For Information	<input type="checkbox"/>
For Discussion	<input type="checkbox"/>
For Approval / Ratification	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Report Exempt from Public Disclosure	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes

<b>PURPOSE OF REPORT:</b>	<p>In October 2018, the CCG were approached by Dr Kumar and Beacon Medical Practice to discuss the merger options between their two surgeries.</p> <p>There have subsequently been two meetings with the parties to discuss the options available. The CCG has been notified that both parties wish to proceed with a full merger as from April 2019 and therefore this report is to request that a decision is made to support the merger in principle, subject to consultation.</p>
<b>Recommendations:</b>	<p>The CCG's Primary Care Commissioning Committee is asked to:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Note the contents of this report</li> <li>• Consider and confirm whether or not to support in principle the merger of the above two practices</li> </ul>
<b>Sub Committee Process and Assurance:</b>	N/A
<b>Implications:</b>	
<b>Risk Assurance Framework Implications:</b>	There is a risk to providing an ongoing sustainable service by Dr AP Kumar should this not be supported.
<b>Legal Implications:</b>	The parties involved would be required to seek appropriate legal advice regarding their partnership arrangements. The contractual changes would be enacted in line with NHS England process.
<b>Equality Impact Assessment implications:</b>	<p>An Equality Impact Analysis/Assessment is not required for this report <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>An Equality Impact Analysis/Assessment has been completed and approved by the EIA Panel. As a result of performing the analysis/assessment there are no actions arising <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>from the analysis/assessment</p> <p>An Equality Impact Analysis/Assessment has been completed and there are actions arising</p>

	<input type="checkbox"/> from the analysis/assessment and these are included in section ____ of the enclosed report
<b>Finance Implications:</b>	There will be no change to the financial implications for the CCG.
<b>Quality Implications:</b>	<p>This report details a positive impact on quality. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>The proposal put forwards, if agreed, would have a positive impact in terms of enabling providers to meet safe staffing targets. Retention and recruitment is forecast to be improved, which would have a positive impact on the safe delivery of local services.</p> <p>This report details a neutral impact on quality. <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>The report will not make any impact on experience, safety or effectiveness.</p> <p>This report details a negative impact on quality. <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>The report details the need for budgets to be significantly reduced. It is clear that the report summarises that quality will be negatively impacted by this as decisions to remove services/provide a lower level of provision to solely meet the ‘must do’s’ of provision in terms of meeting people’s needs has to be made. It is forecast that service user experience will be negatively impacted by this position.</p>
<b>Procurement Decisions/Implications (Care Contracting Committee):</b>	N/A
<b>Engagement Implications:</b>	The practice will undertake the appropriate patient consultation and NHS England/CCG will circulate the request to other stakeholders, local practices and the LMC for comment.
<b>Conflicts of Interest</b>	<p><i>Have all conflicts and potential conflicts of interest been appropriately declared and entered in registers which are publicly available?</i></p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes      <input type="checkbox"/> No</p>
<b>Links to CCG’s Strategic Objectives</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sustainable services <input type="checkbox"/> Empowering people <input type="checkbox"/> Supporting communities <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Delivering a fit for purpose organisation
<b>NHS Constitution:</b>	<a href="https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/the-nhs-constitution-for-england">https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/the-nhs-constitution-for-england</a>
<b>Appendices / attachments</b>	 <p>Beacon Medical Dr A Kumar Proposed Merg</p> <p>Item 10a Paper from Beacon and Dr Kumar</p>

## **Dr AP Kumar and Beacon Medical Practice proposed merger of PMS Contracts from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2019**

### **Application**

The CCG have received an initial expression of interest from the above two surgeries to merge their PMS contracts as from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2019. A copy of the practice report/plan is attached which explains the detail of the proposal.

### **Practice details**

The proposed merger brings together two practices, Dr AP Kumar from Stirling Medical Centre and Beacon Medical Practice who operates from Cleethorpes Primary Care Centre. The merged practice will mean a combined list size of 15,975. There are no plans to close either surgery.

### **Benefits of the merger**

These are detailed within the practice report but a flavour is given below:

- Like minded Professionals being able to work together positively for the benefit of all patients.
- Economies of scale both at a clinical and administrative level. Additional Clinicians will be more able to provide cover and deal with emergency pressures.
- The patients from Dr Kumar's practice will benefit from access to a greater range of services.

### **Stakeholder Consultation**

The practices are developing a comprehensive programme of engagement and consultation with patients affected by the merger and other key stakeholders. This will be shared and agreed with the CCG prior to the engagement commencing.

### **Health Overview & Scrutiny Committee**

A paper will also be submitted for information to the North East Lincolnshire Health Overview & Scrutiny Committee.

### **Recommendation**

The Primary Care Commissioning Committee are asked to consider this request and it is recommended that this is approved in principle allowing the consultation and further work to take place, with a further paper to be presented to the Committee early in the new year.