



The End of General Practice... again

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The latest NHS

- MPIG
- DES
- QOF
- Enhanced Services
- PMS
- CCGs
- Section 75 H&SCA
- OOH
- Non-principals
- Locum superannuation
- Private sector practices

MPIG

- Phase out correction factor payments 2014 – 2021
 - Impossible to predict new global sum figure
- Some seriously destabilised, others gain
 - High funded PMS practices – almost certainly under current plans
 - Practices with large correction factors – probably depending on global sum increases
- Not clear what will happen for legitimate outliers
- Not clear whether PMS money will be re-invested in GMS

DES

- Introduce significant new work through DESs
- Online patient access DES
 - Risk of e-consultations and inappropriate on-line access to records
 - Could widen health inequalities

DES 2

- Case finding for dementia DES
 - Evidence for dementia screening lacking and could cause harm
 - Will come at cost of other patient care
 - Real problem is lack of services

DES 3

- Risk profiling
 - Volume planned makes this unworkable
- Remote care monitoring
 - What is this really? Unclear

QOF

- Implement **all** NICE changes to QOF
 - Including those rejected for good reasons by GPC
- Reduce the time period for achieving most indicators from 15 to 12 months
- Increase upper thresholds for QOF indicators to match upper quartile achievement
- Remove the whole organisational domain
 - Will then be a 900 point QOF
- Reform QOF Contractor Population Index (CPI)

New QOF

- Biopsychosocial history in depression on day 1
- Rheumatoid arthritis
- Hypertension – physical activity +
- Diabetes – education and erections
- COPD – O2 sats annually
- Cancer reviews sooner
- Questionnaires COPD, asthma, exercise

Vaccines

- New immunisations
 - rotavirus added to childhood immunisations
 - shingles for patients aged 70 call/recall
 - shingles for patients aged 79 opportunistic from Sept 13
- Emergency MMR

Enhanced Services

- Now decided by CCG
- Important to minimise conflicts of interest
- May be the only route to increase funding
- Must be used to support “shift left”

PMS

- Review PMS funding to reduce variability in practice funding
- Must be no more PMS reviews
- If it isn't in your baseline – stop doing it
- At some point before 2021 consider return to GMS

CCGs

- Are not going to go away
- Practices are all members now
- Must not become medically-led PCTs
- Make sure democracy rules
- Possible protection for workload dumping

Section 75 H&SCA

- May mean that most services have to be tendered
- Probably does not refer to GP services
- Introduces further private competition
- Will generate competition disputes
- CCG will need lawyers

OOH

- Incessant superficial scapegoating of GPs
- Nothing to do with contract
- Cover for NHS 111 mess
- Pressure for GPs to take back OOH responsibility but not the work
 - Conference of LMCs policy strongly against this
- This will not go away

Non-principals

- Trainee recruitment down
- Younger GPs want portfolio work
- Many going abroad

Locum Superannuation

- Responsibility for locum superannuation payments to move to practices
- Transfer of funds into contract to cover this
- Practices use locums differently, likely to have disproportionate impact on small practices
- Likely to be bad for locums

What can you do

- Protect your patients
 - don't chase targets that put your patients at risk or treats them inappropriately
- Speak to the commissioner
 - say NO to unresourced workload shift from secondary care
- Start to plan for the changes
 - look at the bottom line of your accounts not the top line and consider the cost of your services and work, especially high funded practices

Could this be the end for ICS?

- It could be if GP demographics make it so
- Financial pressures on premises and income
- GP aspirations
- The changing NHS
- Changing role of GP

Private sector practices

- Section 75 will make more appear
- Older GPs may “sell out” to them
- Younger ones may work for them
- If this is what will happen, why stop it?

What will the new world look like?

- Bigger practices or federations / franchises
- Shift working
- On-line working
- Lower income
- New contract within 10 years?

Recruitment, Retention, Morale

- Looking bad right now
- Many cycles before
- Less joiners more leavers
- Morale is always worse than ever
- Most of us enjoy our work



The End?

Perhaps...