

NHS DORSET CLINICAL COMMISSIONING GROUP

GOVERNING BODY

URGENT DECISIONS REPORT

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| Date of the meeting | 20/01/2021 |
| Author | S Lower – Corporate Office Manager |
| Lead Director | T Goodson – Chief Officer |
| Purpose of Report | To inform the Governing Body of urgent decisions taken by the Chair and Accountable Officer. |
| Recommendation | The Governing Body is asked to note the report. |

Monitoring and Assurance Summary

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| Conflicts of Interest | There are no conflicts of interest identified in relation to this report. |
| Involvement and Consultation | N/A |
| Equality, Diversity and Inclusion | N/A |
| Financial and Resource Implications | <p>In relation to the utilisation of the national hospital discharge funding - £849,300 commitment until the end of March 2021, fully rechargeable to the national Hospital Discharge Funding, so no risk to the CCG position.</p> <p>In relation to the NHSE/I General Practice Covid-19 capacity expansion non-recurrent £2.03M, this is fully funded by NHS E/I and therefore there is no risk to the CCG position.</p> |
| Legal/governance | Urgent decision are undertaken in accordance with the powers reserved to the Governing Body as set out in the Dorset CCG Constitution. |
| Risk description/rating | N/A |

1. Introduction

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to inform the Governing Body of Urgent Decisions made by the Chair and Accountable Officer under Standing Orders.

2. Report

- 2.1 Standing Orders permit decisions reserved for the Governing Body, to be exercised by the Chair and the Accountable Officer, having consulted at least two members. Exercise of such powers should be reported to the next formal meeting of the Governing Body in public session for noting.

3. Conclusion

- 3.1 That the Governing Body notes the decisions taken by the Chair and the Accountable Officer (or those acting in their stead) under Standing Orders.

| Date | Details of Decision |
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| 12/10/20 | <p>Approval was sought for the utilisation of the national hospital discharge funding (which the CCG is required to authorise access to) to the total value of £849,300 to purchase, through the local authorities, interim block booked residential care home beds and additional rapid response home care.</p> <p>The costs would be charged to the central funding referenced as HDP2 and confirmation has been received that this is appropriate to be charged to this central funding stream.</p> <p>The reason for the urgency was the need to commission additional community care and bed capacity to respond to the hospital pressures arising from Covid-19, resulting in high bed occupancy and an increasing number of people waiting to be discharged from hospital into the care sector.</p> |

| Date | Details of Decision |
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| 08/01/21 | <p>NHSE/I has allocated £150M General Practice Covid-19 expansion fund through the ICS to CCGs to support expanding general practice capacity from 9 November until 31 March 2021. The Dorset CCG allocation for general practice was £2.03M. The funding is ring-fenced exclusively for use in general practice and is non-recurrent.</p> <p>Approval was therefore sought to the release of the NHSE/I General Practice Covid-19 capacity expansion non-recurrent £2.03M funding and to approve an associated waiver from the CCG's Standing Financial Instructions in relation to procurement, awarding the £2.03M funding to General Practice.</p> <p>Retrospective approval was also sought in relation to a waiver from the CCG's Standing Financial Instructions in relation to procurement regarding the previously approved £1M General Practice non-recurrent Covid-19 investment Urgent Decision reported to the 18 November 2020 Governing Body meeting as this was omitted from the original request.</p> <p>It was recognised that in exercising the Urgent Decision powers in relation to the £2.03M funding, the Chair would be conflicted as the decision related to the release of primary care funding. To mitigate against this conflict, all seven non-conflicted Governing Body members were consulted and supported the request.</p> |

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