

Primary care commissioning committee (PCCC) meeting Questions received from the public with responses from the CCG

MEETING DATE: 3/11/2021

No questions were received by the stated deadline (1 November 2021) prior to the meeting taking place. The question below was submitted after the deadline, resulting in it being responded to during the PCCC meeting itself. Where a question was raised on behalf of a group the person's name is listed below; where the person did so as an individual then their name has not been published.

Question 1

From a
member of the
public

Question:

I understand that APMS contracts are subject to business confidentiality rules but can the Committee assure me that Greenwich Peninsula GP Practice is not going to be controlled by Operose or any other company with close links to the American health market?

Ref: page 58 Greenwich Peninsula AMPS Practice Procurement (Y03755): SEL PCCC approved the contract award recommendation report in its Part 2 (private) meeting on 08 September 2021. The report contained highly sensitive commercial information therefore, it was not appropriate for Part 1 (meeting in public). The contract award was followed by a ten-day standstill period in which bidders could challenge the decision and on completion of that the successful bidder was notified. The mobilisation period has now started and there will be regular meetings with the new provider to ensure that all necessary actions are completed by the new contract start date which is 01 January 2022. Officers are in the process of arranging a formal notification to confirm the new provider to patients and other stakeholders. The Greenwich Primary Care Working Group will receive regular updates on the contract mobilisation process.

Response

Whilst the selection of the new provider of primary care services at the Greenwich Peninsula GP practice has concluded, the next step is for commissioners to share that information with the practice's patients first. It can be confirmed, however, that the new provider does not have close links to the American health market.