

**NHS DORSET CLINICAL COMMISSIONING GROUP
PRIMARY CARE COMMISSIONING COMMITTEE MEETING
SECTION 96 DISCRETIONARY PAYMENT PROTOCOL**

Date of the meeting	02/08/2017
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Purpose of Report	To set out the conditions by which the CCG will consider financial assistance to practices.
Recommendation	The Committee is asked to approve the protocol for Section 96 discretionary payments to practices in accordance with standing financial instructions
Stakeholder Engagement	NHS England / Local Medical Committee / Primary Care Operational Group
Previous GB / Committee/s, Dates	N/A

Monitoring and Assurance Summary

This report links to the following Strategic Principles	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Services designed around people • Preventing ill health and reducing inequalities • Sustainable healthcare services • Care closer to home 		
	Yes [e.g. ✓]	Any action required?	
		Yes Detail in report	No
All three Domains of Quality (Safety, Quality, Patient Experience)	✓		✓
Board Assurance Framework Risk Register	✓		✓
Budgetary Impact	✓		✓
Legal/Regulatory	✓		✓
People/Staff	✓		✓
Financial/Value for Money/Sustainability	✓		✓
Information Management & Technology	✓		✓
Equality Impact Assessment	✓		✓
Freedom of Information	✓		✓
I confirm that I have considered the implications of this report on each of the matters above, as indicated	✓		

Initials : LH

1. Introduction

- 1.1 The 'Section 96 Discretionary Payment Protocol' (Appendix 1), sets out the conditions by which the CCG will consider financial assistance to practices. This has been informed by the Dorset CCG Finance team, NHS England (NHSE) and the Local Medical Committee (LMC).
- 1.2 The principles behind a Section 96 Agreement is that this is a 'last resort' access to financial support only after evidence that all other means have been explored from the menu of support available to practices.
- 1.3 The Menu of Support provides a range of assistance to practices aimed at supporting the sustainability and transformation of General Practice and includes CCG finance advice and support; resilience funding from NHSE, LMC support, Primary Care Workforce centre support and Locality team support (Appendix 2).

2. Recommendation

- 2.1 The Committee is asked for approval for the Practice Profiling and Contract Management Group to review and recommend Section 96 assistance and support to providers of primary medical services in line with this policy and standing financial instructions.

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APPENDICES	
Appendix 1	Section 96 Discretionary Payment Protocol
Appendix 2	Menu of Support for General Practices