

Technical Guidance Annex A

Information on CQUIN

1 Response to CCG CQUIN engagement exercise 2016

The CQUIN scheme is intended to deliver clinical quality improvements and drive transformational change. Compared with previous years, the CCG CQUIN scheme 2017-19 has been strengthened and improved. We have designed schemes for specific provider settings as well as to support local providers with their Sustainability and Transformation Plans (STPs). 2.5% of CQUIN remains on offer to providers delivering services under an NHS Standard Contract:

- 1.5% is available for delivery of mandated CQUIN indicators. There are in total thirteen indicators focusing on clinical and transformation initiatives. The number of indicators applicable will depend on the type of provider.
- 1% is available locally.

NHS England has carried out a new engagement exercise with provider organisations and CCGs to test the indicator definitions for the CQUIN 2017-19 scheme.

The feedback we received has been used to make a number of changes to the CQUIN 2017-19 scheme.

We have reviewed each of the indicator payment sections and revised where appropriate the graduated approach so that the CQUIN package in its entirety remains highly earnable. Where there are CQUINs that require provider collaboration we have endeavoured to set the payment to reward individual provider actions as well as jointly across providers. Definitions have been improved so that there is much more clarity on what providers need to do to deliver the goals, the reporting requirements and, the basis on which providers will be rewarded.

On the levels of ambition we have made a number of changes in favour of providers:

- **Improving staff health and wellbeing:** The 5% point improvement in how staff feel their employer takes action to improve their health and wellbeing is now to be delivered over a two year period rather than the one.
- **Improving staff health and wellbeing:** Flu vaccination revised to reflect an incremental improvement over two years from 75% each year to 70% for 17/18 and 75% in 18/19.
- **Proactive and safe patient discharge so people go home from hospital to their usual place of residence:** 70% year 1 and 75% year 2 thresholds revised to a 2.5% point improvement OR meet absolute threshold of 47.5% in year 1, 7.5% point improvement OR meet absolute threshold of 50% in year 2.
- **Offering advice and guidance for non-urgent referrals from a GP:** Revised from 90% of elective outpatient specialties which provide access to advice and guidance to 75%.
- **Improving services for patients with mental health (MH) needs attending A&E:** For 18/19 revised the 20% reduction in all patients with MH needs to 10% and in order to prioritise patients with primary MH needs.

2 The CQUIN scheme 2017-2019

The final CQUIN scheme 2017-2019 is available [here](#).

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