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Dear Colleague

### **Winter Resilience Funding**

In order to support the Lancashire Health Economy over the 2015/16 winter period NHS England Lancashire has identified £500,000 for CCG's to utilise in commissioning additional capacity from primary care. Mindful that CCGs are developing their broader plans for extended access locally, it is intended that these schemes can be implemented rapidly prior to the broader schemes. Any proposed schemes will need to address the following key principles:

- Delivery of routine GP appointments on the 26<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> December
- Delivery of additional routine capacity in primary care with particular focus on non-core hours
- Integration with the wider SRG winter plans

NHS England nationally has reviewed schemes that were commissioned over the 2014/15 winter period and I have detailed below some of the types of schemes commissioned by CCGs nationally which may be useful. CCGs locally also evaluated schemes implemented over the 2014/15 winter period and the sharing of any successful proposals would also be welcomed.

#### **Example schemes**

- Commission additional capacity through identified GP networks / localities / federations
- Commission additional capacity from current OOH providers / same day service providers
- Commission additional capacity from PMCF pilots

#### **Application process**

The attached proforma is intended to provide detail and assurance on your plans as well as highlight areas in which you may want Lancashire assistance or support.

If you could please return your proforma by the 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2015 to; [donna.roberts1@nhs.net](mailto:donna.roberts1@nhs.net)

Should you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact Donna Roberts on the above email or 0113 825 4791 or 07966 452820.

Kind regards



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Scheme name	East Lancashire CCG
<b>Proposed Scheme</b> <i>(how will patients receive extended access outside of core hours)</i>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To increase routine GP capacity on the 21, 22, 23, 24, 29 &amp; 30 December 2015 and the 4,5,6,7 &amp; 8 January 2016 by offering 30 minutes per 1,000 population of extended hours GP appointments in each of these two weeks. The scheme will be made available to individual GP Practices.</li> <li>In addition the CCG will increase urgent access to a GP through the OOH service on the 26,27,28 December 2015 and the 1,2,3 January 2016 but open this up to routine use through extensively advertising the services in the media, local surgeries and pharmacies.</li> </ol>
<b>Additionality</b> <i>(no of sessions and appts per 1000 pop)</i>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Additional routine extended hours - 30 minutes per 1,000 population equating to approximately 186 additional hours of routine GP capacity per week</li> <li>Increase urgent access to a GP through the OOH service</li> </ol>
<b>Workforce plans</b> <i>(how will the proposed scheme be staffed)</i>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Additional reception cover for the extended hours period in addition to GPs</li> <li>Increased GP capacity</li> </ol>
<b>IT</b> <i>(interoperability and sharing of clinical records)</i>	N/A as will be delivered through existing service providers i.e. GP practices and OOH provider
<b>Estates</b> <i>(where will service be delivered)</i>	N/A as will be delivered through existing service providers i.e. GP practices and OOH provider
<b>Comms &amp; marketing</b> <i>(how will you communicate with pts, public, practices and stakeholders)</i>	The CCG will work Communication and Engagement Colleagues, with GP Practices and the OOH provider to develop a robust communications plan
<b>How does the scheme integrate with the wider SRG plans?</b>	This was discussed at SRG on 01/10/15– Concerns were expressed at SRG that increased mainstream GP routine capacity on the 26 and 28 December has the potential to destabilise the urgent primary care system as it will draw on the same workforce that will already be delivering OOH and GP in UCC services, as well as the PM Challenge routine capacity in Blackburn with Darwen. The view is that we should therefore invest in enhanced OOH services on the 26 <sup>th</sup> and 28 <sup>th</sup> December and open these up to routine appointments by advertising this additional capacity within the media, local surgeries and pharmacies. We would plan additionally to significantly enhance routine Primary care access around the 3 weeks before during and after the Christmas and New Year period.

	2015/16 Non-recurrent (£)
<b>Clinical workforce</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>£61,380(Routine GP)</li> <li>£16,752 (OOH GP)</li> </ol>
<b>Non clinical workforce</b>	£22,320
<b>Estates</b>	N/A
<b>Admin</b>	N/A
<b>Comms &amp; engagement</b>	£2,000

Other	N/A
Total	£102,452

Signed: Alex Walker 

CCG: East Lancashire CCG

Date: 5<sup>th</sup> October 2015