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Terms of Reference Primary Care Network Sub-Group

Purpose of the Meeting

RU opened the meeting stating the key aims of forming such a group.

Namely:

- **To review access and availability to the various established cardiac imaging modalities to include: stress echo, radionuclide imaging, X-Ray CT and magnetic resonance imaging.**
- **To review achievement against any national guidance e.g. NICE and Royal Colleges**
- **To benchmark performance nationally, internationally and locally.**
- **To consider ways of improving access to these services**
- **To review emerging future technology and assess impact upon the provision of future cardiology services**
- **To make recommendations for the future use of diagnostic imaging services across NW London**

There was agreement from those present that these were the main aims of the group and that a coherent approach across the Network will enable clinical teams to access the most appropriate services.

This group will act as the main driver across the Network for providing guidance, advice and recommendations to the Network Board to influence the delivery of cardiac care on sector wide initiatives affecting primary care across North West London. In conjunction with other established sector forums, the group will have a significant role in reviewing, developing and recommending appropriate models of care for the effective delivery of preventative strategies and services relating to coronary heart disease.

The group will have a remit to influence reductions in health inequalities, achievement of local/national targets, supporting primary care clinicians to deliver required standards in cardiac care delivery, promotion of good practice and development/implementation of clinical protocols and guidelines to enable effective implementation of NSF/NICE guidance. The group will consist of broad representation from clinicians, managers and service users covering all PCTs across the network.

The group will agree a work plan including time scales for achievement and will provide reports on progress to the network board on a two monthly basis. The main role of the group will be to:

1. Gain an understanding of current service provision within primary care across North West London, identifying areas which would have value addressing on a sector wide basis
2. Identify priorities for action across primary care; providing guidance on services models based upon evidence of best practice, user views and modernisation methodology
3. Agree common standards, guidelines and protocols for cardiology services within primary care
4. Develop an effective mechanism for sharing and reviewing areas of good practice identified from both within NWL and beyond; making recommendations for implementation across the network
5. Advise on related workforce requirements, including ongoing education needs of primary care teams, development of new roles and continued evolution of programmes to develop practitioners with specialist interest
6. Make recommendations on improving the interface between primary and secondary care; including the development of outreach services and new models of care delivery within the community
7. Establish formalised links with other sector wide groups and forums to advise on, develop and implement evidence based models of care and services which aim to prevent coronary heart disease within the population
8. Develop, recommend and implement clinical guidelines and services which will serve to reduce hospital admissions
9. Make recommendations to influence the commissioning of cardiology services within primary care across the network

Membership to be agreed

Chair
General Practitioners
Practitioners with Specialist Interest in CHD
Network Director
Assistant Director (Service Improvement Lead)
PCT CHD Leads
Representative from NWL Health Promotion Group
Primary Care Prescribing Advisor
Commissioner
Practice Manager
Nursing representation from primary care
SHA Information lead or SHA Public Health Lead
Consultant Cardiologist
General Manager, Acute Trust
Patient/Carer Representative

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