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LOWER ENDOSCOPY PROCUREMENT SERVICE

1. PURPOSE

- 1.1 The purpose of the report is to inform the Commission that an update on the Lower Endoscopy Procurement Service will be given at the meeting.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 To consider and comment on the update and make any appropriate recommendations.

3. BACKGROUND

- 3.1 The Community Gastroscopy Service (Upper) was implemented in May 2009 following a successful AWP tendering process. The Service has demonstrated it can provide a high quality, cost efficient service in the Community.
- 3.2 The Community Service was instrumental in reducing waiting times for patients who would have previously been referred to Secondary Care. Consequently the success of the Upper Endoscopy Service has led to the expansion of the service to include Lower Endoscopy. The Lower Endoscopy Service is currently being piloted at Bretton Health Centre, whilst the Any Willing Provider Lower Endoscopy Procurement is being undertaken.
- 3.3 **Overall Goal**
- To provide community based lower endoscopy services, giving patients a choice of provider.
 - Reduce unnecessary Secondary Care attendance.
 - Reduce commissioning service costs by 25% by carrying out lower endoscopy procedures in a community setting and not in a Secondary Care setting.
- 3.4 **Specific Objectives**
- Service provision for patients closer to home.
 - Costs to the commissioners will be reduced circa 75% of tariff.
 - Reduce waiting times for patients to achieve the National Access Targets.
 - Additional capacity within Secondary Care created by the Community Service will assist with the bowel screening programme.
- 3.5 **Method**
- The Any Willing Provider (AWP) Procurement methodology will be used. This model aims to reduce bureaucracy and barriers to entry for potential providers and improve patient choice, access and at the same time deliver value for money.
 - AWP model can be used to develop a register of providers accredited to deliver a range of specified services within a community setting.
 - AWP model reduces procurement timescales and resources as it is a shorter methodology than a full procurement. It is anticipated this will take no longer than 6 months to undertake.

- AWP does not guarantee providers any volume of activity or payment.

4. BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

Used to prepare this report, in accordance with the Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985

None