

Care Quality Commission

Inspection Evidence Table

Silloth Group Medical Practice (1-540862363)

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Please note: Any Quality Outcomes Framework (QOF) data relates to 2017/18.

Safe

Rating: Good

Safety systems and processes

The practice had clear systems, practices and processes to keep people safe and safeguarded from abuse.

Safeguarding	Y/N/Partial
There was a lead member of staff for safeguarding processes and procedures.	Y
Safeguarding systems, processes and practices were developed, implemented and communicated to staff.	Y
There were policies covering adult and child safeguarding.	Y
Policies took account of patients accessing any online services.	Y
Policies and procedures were monitored, reviewed and updated.	Y
Policies were accessible to all staff.	Y
Partners and staff were trained to appropriate levels for their role (for example, level three for GPs, including locum GPs).	Y
There was active and appropriate engagement in local safeguarding processes.	Y
There were systems to identify vulnerable patients on record.	Y
There was a risk register of specific patients.	Y
Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) checks were undertaken where required.	Y
Staff who acted as chaperones were trained for their role.	Y
There were regular discussions between the practice and other health and social care professionals such as health visitors, school nurses, community midwives and social workers to support and protect adults and children at risk of significant harm.	Y
Explanation of any answers and additional evidence:	

Safeguarding	Y/N/Partial
There were clinical and non-clinical leads for safeguarding. Staff had cards on their desks which gave them up-to-date information which could be used to make a safeguarding referral.	

Recruitment systems	Y/N/Partial
Recruitment checks were carried out in accordance with regulations (including for agency staff and locums).	Y
Staff vaccination was maintained in line with current Public Health England (PHE) guidance and if relevant to role.	Y
There were systems to ensure the registration of clinical staff (including nurses and pharmacists) was checked and regularly monitored.	Y
Staff had any necessary medical indemnity insurance.	Y

Safety systems and records	Y/N/Partial
There was a record of portable appliance testing or visual inspection by a competent person. Date of last inspection/test:	Y 10/10/18
There was a record of equipment calibration. Date of last calibration:	Y 31/05/18
There were risk assessments for any storage of hazardous substances for example, liquid nitrogen, storage of chemicals.	Y
There was a fire procedure.	Y
There was a record of fire extinguisher checks. Date of last check:	Y 17/09/18
There was a log of fire drills. Date of last drill:	Y 17/01/19
There was a record of fire alarm checks. Date of last check:	Y 27/03/19
There was a record of fire training for staff. Date of last training:	Y 16/05/18
There were fire marshals.	Y
A fire risk assessment had been completed. Date of completion:	Y 14/03/19
Actions from fire risk assessment were identified and completed.	Y

Health and safety	Y/N/Partial
Premises/security risk assessment had been carried out. Date of last assessment:	Y 19/01/19
Health and safety risk assessments had been carried out and appropriate actions taken. Date of last assessment:	Y Nov 18

Infection prevention and control

Appropriate standards of cleanliness and hygiene were met.

	Y/N/Partial
There was an infection risk assessment and policy.	Y
Staff had received effective training on infection prevention and control.	Y
Date of last infection prevention and control audit:	10/10/18
The practice had acted on any issues identified in infection prevention and control audits.	Y
The arrangements for managing waste and clinical specimens kept people safe.	Y

Risks to patients

There were adequate systems to assess, monitor and manage risks to patient safety.

	Y/N/Partial
There was an effective approach to managing staff absences and busy periods.	Y
There was an effective induction system for temporary staff tailored to their role.	Y
Comprehensive risk assessments were carried out for patients.	Y
Risk management plans for patients were developed in line with national guidance.	Y
Panic alarms were fitted and administrative staff understood how to respond to the alarm and the location of emergency equipment.	Y
Clinicians knew how to identify and manage patients with severe infections including sepsis.	Y
Receptionists were aware of actions to take if they encountered a deteriorating or acutely unwell patient and had been given guidance on identifying such patients.	Y
There was a process in the practice for urgent clinical review of such patients.	Y
There was equipment available to enable assessment of patients with presumed sepsis or other clinical emergency.	Y
There were systems to enable the assessment of patients with presumed sepsis in line with National Institute for Health and Care Excellence (NICE) guidance.	Y
When there were changes to services or staff the practice assessed and monitored the impact on safety.	Y
Explanation of any answers and additional evidence:	

- There was a lead GP for sepsis awareness. They ensured staff had undertaken training and made sure information was available to staff to help them spot the signs of sepsis early.
- Due to the remote location of the practice and the distance from hospital (approximately 25 miles), staff had taken steps to ensure that patients who became acutely unwell were cared for as well as possible before the ambulance arrived. They had put in place a “chest pain package” which meant all staff were trained and aware what to do in the event of a patient presenting with chest pain. The idea was that all tests – such as taking bloods and carrying out ECGs – would be performed before the ambulance arrived so that a patient could be taken to hospital as quickly as possible. Staff we spoke to were all aware of the procedure and understood their role.

Information to deliver safe care and treatment

Staff had the information they needed to deliver safe care and treatment.

	Y/N/Partial
Individual care records, including clinical data, were written and managed securely and in line with current guidance and relevant legislation.	Y
There was a system for processing information relating to new patients including the summarising of new patient notes.	Y
There were systems for sharing information with staff and other agencies to enable them to deliver safe care and treatment.	Y
Referral letters contained specific information to allow appropriate and timely referrals.	Y
Referrals to specialist services were documented.	Y
There was a system to monitor delays in referrals.	Y
There was a documented approach to the management of test results and this was managed in a timely manner.	Y
The practice demonstrated that when patients use multiple services, all the information needed for their ongoing care was shared appropriately and in line with relevant protocols.	Y

Appropriate and safe use of medicines

The practice had systems for the appropriate and safe use of medicines, including medicines optimisation

Indicator	Practice	CCG average	England average	England comparison
Number of antibacterial prescription items prescribed per Specific Therapeutic group Age-sex Related Prescribing Unit (STAR PU) (01/01/2018 to 31/12/2018) (NHS Business Service Authority - NHSBSA)	0.87	1.04	0.91	No statistical variation
The number of prescription items for co-amoxiclav, cephalosporins and	5.2%	8.1%	8.7%	Tending towards variation (positive)

Indicator	Practice	CCG average	England average	England comparison
quinolones as a percentage of the total number of prescription items for selected antibacterial drugs (BNF 5.1 sub-set). (01/01/2018 to 31/12/2018) <small>(NHSBSA)</small>				
Average daily quantity per item for Nitrofurantoin 50 mg tablets and capsules, Nitrofurantoin 100 mg m/r capsules, Pivmecillinam 200 mg tablets and Trimethoprim 200 mg tablets prescribed for uncomplicated urinary tract infection (01/07/2018 to 31/12/2018) <small>(NHSBSA)</small>	5.07	5.02	5.60	No statistical variation
Average daily quantity of oral NSAIDs prescribed per Specific Therapeutic Group Age-sex Related Prescribing Unit (STAR-PU) (01/07/2018 to 31/12/2018) <small>(NHSBSA)</small>	2.59	2.11	2.13	No statistical variation

Medicines management	Y/N/Partial
The practice ensured medicines were stored safely and securely with access restricted to authorised staff.	Y
Blank prescriptions were kept securely and their use monitored in line with national guidance.	Y
Staff had the appropriate authorisations to administer medicines (including Patient Group Directions or Patient Specific Directions).	Y
The practice could demonstrate the prescribing competence of non-medical prescribers, and there was regular review of their prescribing practice supported by clinical supervision or peer review.	Y
There was a process for the safe handling of requests for repeat medicines and evidence of structured medicines reviews for patients on repeat medicines.	Y
The practice had a process and clear audit trail for the management of information about changes to a patient's medicines including changes made by other services.	Y
There was a process for monitoring patients' health in relation to the use of medicines including high risk medicines (for example, warfarin, methotrexate and lithium) with appropriate monitoring and clinical review prior to prescribing.	Y
The practice monitored the prescribing of controlled drugs. (For example, investigation of unusual prescribing, quantities, dose, formulations and strength).	Y
There were arrangements for raising concerns around controlled drugs with the NHS England Area Team Controlled Drugs Accountable Officer.	Y
If the practice had controlled drugs on the premises there were appropriate systems and written procedures for the safe ordering, receipt, storage, administration, balance checks and disposal of these medicines, which were in line with national guidance.	Y
The practice had taken steps to ensure appropriate antimicrobial use to optimise patient	Y

Medicines management	Y/N/Partial
outcomes and reduce the risk of adverse events and antimicrobial resistance.	
For remote or online prescribing there were effective protocols for verifying patient identity.	Y
The practice held appropriate emergency medicines, risk assessments were in place to determine the range of medicines held, and a system was in place to monitor stock levels and expiry dates.	Y
The practice had arrangements to monitor the stock levels and expiry dates of emergency medicines/medical gases.	Y
There was medical oxygen and a defibrillator on site and systems to ensure these were regularly checked and fit for use.	Y
Vaccines were appropriately stored, monitored and transported in line with PHE guidance to ensure they remained safe and effective.	Y

Track record on safety and lessons learned and improvements made

The practice learned and made improvements when things went wrong.

Significant events	Y/N/Partial
The practice monitored and reviewed safety using information from a variety of sources.	Y
Staff knew how to identify and report concerns, safety incidents and near misses.	Y
There was a system for recording and acting on significant events.	Y
Staff understood how to raise concerns and report incidents both internally and externally.	Y
There was evidence of learning and dissemination of information.	Y
Number of events recorded in last 12 months:	11
Number of events that required action:	11
Explanation of any answers and additional evidence:	
Significant events were reviewed twice a year to look for trends.	

Example(s) of significant events recorded and actions by the practice.

Event	Specific action taken
Referrals were missed and the service the practice had referred to stated they had not received a referral by email.	Practice now requests read receipts for each email referral sent. These are printed out and kept in a log and followed up if no receipt is received.

Safety alerts	Y/N/Partial
There was a system for recording and acting on safety alerts.	Y
Staff understood how to deal with alerts.	Y
<p>Explanation of any answers and additional evidence:</p> <p>Safety alerts went to the practice manager and medicines manager via email. They were then printed off and taken to weekly meeting to be discussed. If it was urgent, action would be taken prior to the meeting. Alerts were signed off when completed.</p>	

Effective

Rating: Good

Effective needs assessment, care and treatment

Patients' needs were assessed, and care and treatment was delivered in line with current legislation, standards and evidence-based guidance supported by clear pathways and tools.

	Y/N/Partial
The practice had systems and processes to keep clinicians up to date with current evidence-based practice.	Y
Patients' immediate and ongoing needs were fully assessed. This included their clinical needs and their mental and physical wellbeing.	Y
We saw no evidence of discrimination when staff made care and treatment decisions.	Y
Patients' treatment was regularly reviewed and updated.	Y
There were appropriate referral pathways in place to make sure that patients' needs were addressed.	Y
Patients were told when they needed to seek further help and what to do if their condition deteriorated.	Y

Prescribing	Practice performance	CCG average	England average	England comparison
Average daily quantity of Hypnotics prescribed per Specific Therapeutic group Age-sex Related Prescribing Unit (STAR PU) (01/01/2018 to 31/12/2018) <small>(NHSBSA)</small>	0.09	0.46	0.79	Significant Variation (positive)

Older people

Population group rating: Good

Findings

- The practice used a clinical tool to identify older patients who were living with moderate or severe frailty. Those identified received a full assessment of their physical, mental and social needs.
- The practice followed up on older patients discharged from hospital. It ensured that their care plans and prescriptions were updated to reflect any extra or changed needs.
- Staff had appropriate knowledge of treating older people including their psychological, mental and communication needs.
- Health checks were offered to patients over 75 years of age.
- The practice carried out atrial fibrillation (AF) screening for older patients. Atrial fibrillation is an irregular heart rhythm which if left untreated can lead to stroke. The practice had tested 115 patients since November 2018 and found 11 abnormal heartbeats, five confirmed cases of AF, and three patients who were awaiting an ECG appointment to confirm a diagnosis.
- The practice had good uptake of screening for abdominal aortic aneurysm. The practice had the

second highest uptake of 34 participating practices in the clinical commissioning group area, achieving 92% uptake.

People with long-term conditions

Population group rating: Good

Findings

- Patients with long-term conditions had a structured annual review to check their health and medicines needs were being met. For patients with the most complex needs, the GP worked with other health and care professionals to deliver a coordinated package of care.
- Staff who were responsible for reviews of patients with long-term conditions had received specific training.
- GPs followed up patients who had received treatment in hospital or through out of hours services for an acute exacerbation of asthma.
- The practice could demonstrate how they identified patients with commonly undiagnosed conditions, for example diabetes, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD), atrial fibrillation and hypertension.
- Adults with newly diagnosed cardio-vascular disease were offered statins.
- Patients with suspected hypertension were offered ambulatory blood pressure monitoring.
- Patients with atrial fibrillation were assessed for stroke risk and treated appropriately.
- Nurses at the practice undertook additional training to be able to flush peripherally inserted central catheters (PICC lines). These are intravenous access lines which patients who were undergoing chemotherapy needed to have in place for a prolonged period of time for their treatment. This service resulted in saving these patients a 50-mile round trip to the local hospital.

Diabetes Indicators	Practice	CCG average	England average	England comparison
The percentage of patients with diabetes, on the register, in whom the last IFCC-HbA1c is 64 mmol/mol or less in the preceding 12 months (01/04/2017 to 31/03/2018) <small>(QOF)</small>	83.8%	83.7%	78.8%	No statistical variation
Exception rate (number of exceptions).	18.0% (57)	16.4%	13.2%	N/A
The percentage of patients with diabetes, on the register, in whom the last blood pressure reading (measured in the preceding 12 months) is 140/80 mmHg or less (01/04/2017 to 31/03/2018) <small>(QOF)</small>	87.8%	83.0%	77.7%	Tending towards variation (positive)
Exception rate (number of exceptions).	4.1% (13)	8.0%	9.8%	N/A
	Practice	CCG average	England average	England comparison
The percentage of patients with diabetes, on the register, whose last measured total cholesterol (measured within the preceding	77.2%	82.2%	80.1%	No statistical variation

12 months) is 5 mmol/l or less (01/04/2017 to 31/03/2018) <small>(QOF)</small>				
Exception rate (number of exceptions).	11.4% (36)	16.8%	13.5%	N/A

Other long-term conditions	Practice	CCG average	England average	England comparison
The percentage of patients with asthma, on the register, who have had an asthma review in the preceding 12 months that includes an assessment of asthma control using the 3 RCP questions, NICE 2011 menu ID: NM23 (01/04/2017 to 31/03/2018) <small>(QOF)</small>	85.0%	77.6%	76.0%	Tending towards variation (positive)
Exception rate (number of exceptions).	3.2% (8)	7.9%	7.7%	N/A
The percentage of patients with COPD who have had a review, undertaken by a healthcare professional, including an assessment of breathlessness using the Medical Research Council dyspnoea scale in the preceding 12 months (01/04/2017 to 31/03/2018) <small>(QOF)</small>	91.9%	92.7%	89.7%	No statistical variation
Exception rate (number of exceptions).	12.1% (17)	11.4%	11.5%	N/A

Indicator	Practice	CCG average	England average	England comparison
The percentage of patients with hypertension in whom the last blood pressure reading measured in the preceding 12 months is 150/90mmHg or less (01/04/2017 to 31/03/2018) <small>(QOF)</small>	83.8%	85.6%	82.6%	No statistical variation
Exception rate (number of exceptions).	2.1% (20)	2.8%	4.2%	N/A
In those patients with atrial fibrillation with a record of a CHA2DS2-VASc score of 2 or more, the percentage of patients who are currently treated with anti-coagulation drug therapy (01/04/2017 to 31/03/2018) <small>(QOF)</small>	75.7%	88.8%	90.0%	Variation (negative)
Exception rate (number of exceptions).	8.3% (10)	8.3%	6.7%	N/A

Any additional evidence or comments

The practice had scored above local and national averages in a number of areas. They were aware of the below average score for patients with atrial fibrillation and had taken action to address this (see Older People population group section).

Findings

- Childhood immunisation uptake rates were all above the World Health Organisation (WHO) targets. In 2017/18 the practice achieved 100% uptake for all childhood immunisations. The practice had responded well to a reduction in health visiting provision in the area to ensure all children under the age of five had still been immunised.
- The practice had arrangements to identify and review the treatment of newly-pregnant women on long-term medicines. These patients were provided with advice and post-natal support in accordance with best practice guidance.
- The practice had arrangements for following up failed attendance of children’s appointments following an appointment in secondary care or for immunisation and would liaise with health visitors when necessary.
- Young people could access services for sexual health and contraception.

Child Immunisation	Numerator	Denominator	Practice %	Comparison to WHO target
The percentage of children aged 1 who have completed a primary course of immunisation for Diphtheria, Tetanus, Polio, Pertussis, Haemophilus influenza type b (Hib)((i.e. three doses of DTaP/IPV/Hib) (01/04/2017 to 31/03/2018) (NHS England)	27	27	100.0%	Met 95% WHO based target (significant variation positive)
The percentage of children aged 2 who have received their booster immunisation for Pneumococcal infection (i.e. received Pneumococcal booster) (PCV booster) (01/04/2017 to 31/03/2018) (NHS England)	30	30	100.0%	Met 95% WHO based target (significant variation positive)
The percentage of children aged 2 who have received their immunisation for Haemophilus influenza type b (Hib) and Meningitis C (MenC) (i.e. received Hib/MenC booster) (01/04/2017 to 31/03/2018) (NHS England)	30	30	100.0%	Met 95% WHO based target (significant variation positive)
The percentage of children aged 2 who have received immunisation for measles, mumps and rubella (one dose of MMR) (01/04/2017 to 31/03/2018) (NHS England)	30	30	100.0%	Met 95% WHO based target (significant variation positive)

Working age people (including those recently retired and students)

Population group rating: Good

Findings

- The practice had systems to inform eligible patients to have the meningitis vaccine, for example before attending university for the first time.
- Patients had access to appropriate health assessments and checks including NHS checks for patients aged 40 to 74. There was appropriate and timely follow-up on the outcome of health assessments and checks where abnormalities or risk factors were identified.
- Patients could book or cancel appointments online and order repeat medication without the need to attend the surgery.

Cancer Indicators	Practice	CCG average	England average	England comparison
The percentage of women eligible for cervical cancer screening at a given point in time who were screened adequately within a specified period (within 3.5 years for women aged 25 to 49, and within 5.5 years for women aged 50 to 64) (01/04/2017 to 31/03/2018) (Public Health England)	73.4%	77.9%	71.7%	No statistical variation
Females, 50-70, screened for breast cancer in last 36 months (3 year coverage, %) (01/04/2017 to 31/03/2018) (PHE)	80.0%	76.9%	70.0%	N/A
Persons, 60-69, screened for bowel cancer in last 30 months (2.5 year coverage, %)(01/04/2017 to 31/03/2018) (PHE)	64.5%	61.5%	54.5%	N/A
The percentage of patients with cancer, diagnosed within the preceding 15 months, who have a patient review recorded as occurring within 6 months of the date of diagnosis. (01/04/2017 to 31/03/2018) (PHE)	87.1%	78.6%	70.2%	N/A
Number of new cancer cases treated (Detection rate: % of which resulted from a two week wait (TWW) referral) (01/04/2017 to 31/03/2018) (PHE)	59.4%	55.2%	51.9%	No statistical variation

People whose circumstances make them vulnerable

Population group rating: Good

Findings

- End of life care was delivered in a coordinated way which took into account the needs of those whose circumstances may make them vulnerable.
- The practice held a register of patients living in vulnerable circumstances including homeless people, travellers and those with a learning disability.
- The practice had a system for vaccinating patients with an underlying medical condition according

to the recommended schedule.

- The practice demonstrated that they had a system to identify people who misused substances.
- The practice reviewed young patients at local residential homes.

People experiencing poor mental health (including people with dementia)

Population group rating: Good

Findings

- The practice assessed and monitored the physical health of people with mental illness, severe mental illness, and personality disorder by providing access to health checks, interventions for physical activity, obesity, diabetes, heart disease, cancer and access to 'stop smoking' services.
- There was a system for following up patients who failed to attend for administration of long-term medication.
- When patients were assessed to be at risk of suicide or self-harm the practice had arrangements in place to help them to remain safe. We saw evidence that the practice responded well to support patients in mental health crisis.
- Patients at risk of dementia were identified and offered an assessment to detect possible signs of dementia. When dementia was suspected there was an appropriate referral for diagnosis. The practice had the fourth highest dementia diagnosis rate in the clinical commissioning group area at 89.7%.
- All staff had received dementia training in the last 12 months.

Mental Health Indicators	Practice	CCG average	England average	England comparison
The percentage of patients with schizophrenia, bipolar affective disorder and other psychoses who have a comprehensive, agreed care plan documented in the record, in the preceding 12 months (01/04/2017 to 31/03/2018) (QOF)	95.5%	93.2%	89.5%	No statistical variation
Exception rate (number of exceptions).	4.3% (1)	10.4%	12.7%	N/A
The percentage of patients with schizophrenia, bipolar affective disorder and other psychoses whose alcohol consumption has been recorded in the preceding 12 months (01/04/2017 to 31/03/2018) (QOF)	90.9%	93.1%	90.0%	No statistical variation
Exception rate (number of exceptions).	4.3% (1)	8.5%	10.5%	N/A
The percentage of patients diagnosed with dementia whose care plan has been reviewed in a face-to-face review in the	80.3%	82.5%	83.0%	No statistical variation

preceding 12 months (01/04/2017 to 31/03/2018) (QOF)				
Exception rate (number of exceptions).	1.5% (1)	4.6%	6.6%	N/A

Any additional evidence or comments

Exception reporting for mental health indicators was better than average.

Monitoring care and treatment

The practice had a comprehensive programme of quality improvement activity and routinely reviewed the effectiveness and appropriateness of the care provided.

Indicator	Practice	CCG average	England average
Overall QOF score (out of maximum 559)	559.0	553.3	537.5
Overall QOF exception reporting (all domains)	5.4%	5.3%	5.8%

	Y/N/Partial
Clinicians took part in national and local quality improvement initiatives.	Y
The practice had a comprehensive programme of quality improvement and used information about care and treatment to make improvements.	Y

Examples of improvements demonstrated because of clinical audits or other improvement activity in past two years

- An audit into prostate cancer ensured patients were prescribed the correct medication and were better informed of side effects.
- An audit of Proton Pump Inhibitor medication led to a reduction in this type of medication being prescribed where it was appropriate.
- An audit of stoma care led to more patients being able to see a stoma nurse specialist for support.
- A prescribing audit had reduced the number of hypnotic medications prescribed to well below local and national averages (see “prescribing” table on page 8).

Effective staffing

The practice was able to demonstrate that staff had the skills, knowledge and experience to carry out their roles.

	Y/N/Partial
Staff had the skills, knowledge and experience to deliver effective care, support and treatment. This included specific training for nurses on immunisation and on sample taking for the cervical screening programme.	Y
The learning and development needs of staff were assessed.	Y
The practice had a programme of learning and development.	Y
Staff had protected time for learning and development.	Y
There was an induction programme for new staff.	Y
Induction included completion of the Care Certificate for Health Care Assistants employed since April 2015.	N/A
Staff had access to regular appraisals, one to ones, coaching and mentoring, clinical supervision and revalidation. They were supported to meet the requirements of professional revalidation.	Y
The practice could demonstrate how they assured the competence of staff employed in advanced clinical practice, for example, nurses, paramedics, pharmacists and physician associates.	Y
There was a clear and appropriate approach for supporting and managing staff when their performance was poor or variable.	Y

Coordinating care and treatment

Staff worked together and with other organisations to deliver effective care and treatment.

Indicator	Y/N/Partial
The contractor has regular (at least 3 monthly) multidisciplinary case review meetings where all patients on the palliative care register are discussed (01/04/2017 to 31/03/2018) (QOF)	Y
We saw records that showed that all appropriate staff, including those in different teams and organisations, were involved in assessing, planning and delivering care and treatment.	Y
Care was delivered and reviewed in a coordinated way when different teams, services or organisations were involved.	Y
Patients received consistent, coordinated, person-centred care when they moved between services.	Y
For patients who accessed the practice's digital service there were clear and effective processes to make referrals to other services.	Y

Helping patients to live healthier lives

Staff were consistent and proactive in helping patients to live healthier lives.

	Y/N/Partial
The practice identified patients who may need extra support and directed them to relevant services. This included patients in the last 12 months of their lives, patients at risk of developing a long-term condition and carers.	Y
Staff encouraged and supported patients to be involved in monitoring and managing their own health.	Y
Staff discussed changes to care or treatment with patients and their carers as necessary.	Y
The practice supported national priorities and initiatives to improve the population's health, for example, stop smoking campaigns, tackling obesity.	Y

Smoking Indicator	Practice	CCG average	England average	England comparison
The percentage of patients with any or any combination of the following conditions: CHD, PAD, stroke or TIA, hypertension, diabetes, COPD, CKD, asthma, schizophrenia, bipolar affective disorder or other psychoses whose notes record smoking status in the preceding 12 months (01/04/2017 to 31/03/2018) <small>(QOF)</small>	97.4%	96.1%	95.1%	No statistical variation
Exception rate (number of exceptions).	0.6% (9)	0.6%	0.8%	N/A

Consent to care and treatment

The practice always obtained consent to care and treatment in line with legislation and guidance, however there was an area that needed to be improved.

	Y/N/Partial
Clinicians understood the requirements of legislation and guidance when considering consent and decision making. We saw that consent was documented.	Partial
Clinicians supported patients to make decisions. Where appropriate, they assessed and recorded a patient's mental capacity to make a decision.	Y
The practice monitored the process for seeking consent appropriately.	Partial
<p>Explanation of any answers and additional evidence:</p> <p>We saw that verbal consent had been sought for some minor surgery procedures where written consent would be recommended by national guidance, for example invasive procedures such as skin excisions. Consent was documented on the practice computer system and we saw evidence to show consent was informed, however the practice policy said written consent should be sought for these procedures and the fact that only verbal consent was being given had not been picked up. Following the inspection we were sent evidence to show that written consent was now being obtained for these procedures.</p>	

Caring

Rating: Good

At the last inspection the practice was rated as outstanding for caring.

Kindness, respect and compassion

Staff treated patients with kindness, respect and compassion. Feedback from patients was positive about the way staff treated people.

	Y/N/Partial
Staff understood and respected the personal, cultural, social and religious needs of patients.	Y
Patients were given appropriate and timely information to cope emotionally with their care, treatment or condition.	Y

CQC comments cards	
Total comments cards received.	53
Number of CQC comments received which were positive about the service.	53
Number of comments cards received which were mixed about the service.	0
Number of CQC comments received which were negative about the service.	0

Source	Feedback
Comments cards, NHS Choices, patient interviews	Patient feedback about care at the practice was highly positive. Numerous comment cards gave examples of times when patients had been treated with kindness, respect and compassion. All of the cards reported positive feedback, and all staff groups were praised for their caring attitude.

National GP Survey results

Note: The questions in the 2018 GP Survey indicators have changed. Ipsos MORI have advised that the new survey data must not be directly compared to the past survey data, because the survey methodology changed in 2018.

Practice population size	Surveys sent out	Surveys returned	Survey Response rate%	% of practice population
4227	230	122	53%	2.89%

Indicator	Practice	CCG average	England average	England comparison
The percentage of respondents to the GP patient survey who stated that the last time they had a general practice appointment, the healthcare professional was good or very good at listening to them (01/01/2018 to 31/03/2018)	94.3%	90.0%	89.0%	No statistical variation
The percentage of respondents to the GP patient survey who stated that the last time they had a general practice appointment, the healthcare professional was good or very good at treating them with care and concern (01/01/2018 to 31/03/2018)	95.6%	88.9%	87.4%	Tending towards variation (positive)
The percentage of respondents to the GP patient survey who stated that during their last GP appointment they had confidence and trust in the healthcare professional they saw or spoke to (01/01/2018 to 31/03/2018)	98.5%	96.5%	95.6%	No statistical variation
The percentage of respondents to the GP patient survey who responded positively to the overall experience of their GP practice (01/01/2018 to 31/03/2018)	94.9%	83.9%	83.8%	Tending towards variation (positive)

Any additional evidence or comments

The practice scored above local and national averages for every question related to care on the 2018 National GP Patient Survey. They were consistently among the highest-rated practices in the clinical commissioning group area with regard to feedback on this survey, for example they ranked joint fourth (out of 40 practices) for overall experience, and joint fifth for helpfulness of receptionists.

Question	Y/N
The practice carries out its own patient survey/patient feedback exercises.	Y

Any additional evidence

- In February 2019 the practice carried out the improving practice questionnaire. This is offered by an external company who can then rank the results against averages for similar-sized practices who have also completed the survey. Patients responded that the practice was good, very good or excellent in 91% of the areas surveyed. They received an “excellent” rating in 48% of all areas and ranked above average in areas such as “respect shown”, “warmth of greeting”, “receptionists”, “being able to express concerns and fears” and “respect for privacy/confidentiality”.
- The practice carried out the “Friends and Family Test”. In the six months prior to inspection 90% of the 327 patients surveyed said they would be “extremely likely” to recommend the practice and further 8% said they would be “likely”.

Involvement in decisions about care and treatment

Staff helped patients to be involved in decisions about care and treatment.

	Y/N/Partial
Staff communicated with patients in a way that helped them to understand their care, treatment and condition, and any advice given.	Y
Staff helped patients and their carers find further information and access community and advocacy services.	Y

Source	Feedback
Patient comment cards, patient interviews, NHS Choices.	Patients said they were involved in decisions about their care and treatment and were able to give examples of when this had happened.

National GP Survey results

Indicator	Practice	CCG average	England average	England comparison
The percentage of respondents to the GP patient survey who stated that during their last GP appointment they were involved as much as they wanted to be in decisions about their care and treatment (01/01/2018 to 31/03/2018)	96.8%	94.7%	93.5%	No statistical variation

	Y/N/Partial
Interpretation services were available for patients who did not have English as a first language.	Y
Patient information leaflets and notices were available in the patient waiting area which told patients how to access support groups and organisations.	Y

Information leaflets were available in other languages and in easy read format.	Y
Information about support groups was available on the practice website.	Y
Explanation of any answers and additional evidence: The practice had pictorial leaflets they could use with patients with a learning disability.	

Carers	Narrative
Percentage and number of carers identified.	162 (approx. 4%)
How the practice supported carers.	Patients were asked if they had or were a carer when they joined the practice. Leaflets in reception area promoted carers' groups. Any carers who were identified were signposted to the local carers' organisations and offered early flu vaccinations. There was a wellbeing coach who worked with the practice, appointed by the clinical commissioning group, who acted as the carers lead.
How the practice supported recently bereaved patients.	The practice sent bereavement cards containing a leaflet compiled by the practice, which had advice and links to support groups. They offer an "open door" to relatives who had suffered a bereavement and made referrals to bereavement counselling.

Privacy and dignity

The practice respected patients' privacy and dignity.

	Y/N/Partial
Curtains were provided in consulting rooms to maintain patients' privacy and dignity during examinations, investigations and treatments.	Y
Consultation and treatment room doors were closed during consultations.	Y
A private room was available if patients were distressed or wanted to discuss sensitive issues.	Y
There were arrangements to ensure confidentiality at the reception desk.	Y
Explanation of any answers and additional evidence: Since this inspection the practice has added "privacy cards" to the reception area to improve privacy at the reception desk. These cards allow patients to pass a card to the receptionist informing them of the reason for their visit, rather than having to say it out loud.	

Responsive

Rating: Outstanding

Responding to and meeting people's needs

The practice organised and delivered services to meet patients' needs.

	Y/N/Partial
The importance of flexibility, informed choice and continuity of care was reflected in the services provided.	Y
The facilities and premises were appropriate for the services being delivered.	Y
The practice made reasonable adjustments when patients found it hard to access services.	Y
The practice provided effective care coordination for patients who were more vulnerable or who had complex needs. They supported them to access services both within and outside the practice.	Y
Care and treatment for patients with multiple long-term conditions and patients approaching the end of life was coordinated with other services.	Y
<p>Explanation of any answers and additional evidence:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The involvement of other organisations and the local community was integral to how services were planned and ensured that services met people's needs. As the practice was located next door to the lifeboat station they were the first medical point of contact for people rescued by the lifeboat service. They also carried out medicals for the lifeboat service staff free of charge. The practice population increased by 5% in summer due to tourism. They left practice leaflets in caravan parks around the town so that guests knew where to get medical treatment. Given the distance from hospital, the practice had taken steps to ensure as much care as possible could be offered close to home. For example, they ran a minor injury service and nurses at the practice undertook additional training to be able to flush peripherally inserted central catheters (PICC lines - intravenous access lines which patients who were undergoing chemotherapy needed to have in place for a prolonged period of time for their treatment). They also put in place a "chest pain package" which meant all staff were trained and aware what to do in the event of a patient presenting with chest pain. The idea was that all tests – such as taking bloods and carrying out ECGs – would be performed before the ambulance arrived so that a patient could be taken to hospital as quickly as possible. 	

Practice Opening Times	
Day	Time
Opening times:	
Monday	8am to 6.30pm
Tuesday	8am to 6.30pm
Wednesday	8am to 6.30pm
Thursday	8am to 6.30pm
Friday	8am to 6.30pm

“Extended access” appointments were offered with a GP or nurse practitioner through another provider in nearby towns.	Weekdays from 6.30pm to 10pm
	Saturdays from 8.30am to 1.30pm and 1.30pm to 5.30pm
	Sundays from 8.30am to 5.30pm

National GP Survey results

Practice population size	Surveys sent out	Surveys returned	Survey Response rate%	% of practice population
4227	230	122	53%	2.89%

Indicator	Practice	CCG average	England average	England comparison
The percentage of respondents to the GP patient survey who stated that at their last general practice appointment, their needs were met (01/01/2018 to 31/03/2018)	97.8%	95.8%	94.8%	No statistical variation

Older people

Population group rating: Outstanding

Findings

As there were outstanding areas which benefitted all population groups in this domain, we rated all population groups as **outstanding**.

- All patients had a named GP who supported them in whatever setting they lived.
- The practice was responsive to the needs of older patients, and offered home visits and urgent appointments for those with enhanced needs and complex medical issues.
- The practice administered flu vaccines to patients at four local residential homes. They also carried out a clinic at a nursing home once a week.

People with long-term conditions

Population group rating: Outstanding

Findings

As there were outstanding areas which benefitted all population groups in this domain, we rated all population groups as **outstanding**.

- The practice liaised regularly with the local district nursing team and community matrons to discuss and manage the needs of patients with complex medical issues.
- Care and treatment for people with long-term conditions approaching the end of life was coordinated with other services.

Families, children and young people

Population group rating: **Outstanding**

Findings

As there were outstanding areas which benefitted all population groups in this domain, we rated all population groups as **outstanding**.

- We found there were systems to identify and follow up children living in disadvantaged circumstances and who were at risk, for example, children and young people who had a high number of accident and emergency (A&E) attendances. Records we looked at confirmed this.
- All parents or guardians calling with concerns about a child were offered a same day appointment when necessary.
- The practice was in the process of setting up a service with the local school to provide sexual and mental health support by allowing the pupils to text the practice securely if they want any advice. This service is being developed in response to a reduction of the school nursing service.

Working age people (including those recently retired and students)

Population group rating: **Outstanding**

Findings

As there were outstanding areas which benefitted all population groups in this domain, we rated all population groups as **outstanding**.

- The needs of this population group had been identified and the practice had adjusted the services it offered to ensure these were accessible, flexible and offered continuity of care.
- Extended access appointments were available to patients through another provider at a nearby venue.
- We were told that patients could often be seen outside of surgery hours if there was a genuine need.

People whose circumstances make them vulnerable

Population group rating: **Outstanding**

Findings

As there were outstanding areas which benefitted all population groups in this domain, we rated all population groups as **outstanding**.

- The practice held a register of patients living in vulnerable circumstances including homeless people, travellers and those with a learning disability.
- People in vulnerable circumstances were easily able to register with the practice, including those with no fixed abode.
- The practice adjusted the delivery of its services to meet the needs of patients with a learning disability.
- There was a wellbeing coach based at the practice. Patients who needed additional support could be referred to them.

- The practice gave out hospital passports to patients with a learning disability. These contained patients' personal details and preferences so that they can be passed to clinical staff in the event of a hospital admission.
- A GP was the lead for learning disability patients. All learning disability reviews were an hour long and patients and/or their carers were always called before an appointment to encourage them to attend.

People experiencing poor mental health (including people with dementia)

Population group rating: Outstanding

Findings

As there were outstanding areas which benefitted all population groups in this domain, we rated all population groups as **outstanding**.

- Priority appointments were allocated when necessary to those experiencing poor mental health. Longer appointments were also given
- Staff interviewed had a good understanding of how to support patients with mental health needs and those patients living with dementia.
- The practice was aware of support groups within the area and signposted their patients to these accordingly.

Timely access to the service

People were able to access care and treatment in a timely way.

National GP Survey results

	Y/N/Partial
Patients with urgent needs had their care prioritised.	Y
The practice had a system to assess whether a home visit was clinically necessary and the urgency of the need for medical attention.	Y
Appointments, care and treatment were only cancelled or delayed when absolutely necessary.	Y
Explanation of any answers and additional evidence:	
<p>“Open access” appointments were available to all patients between 9am and 11am. Patients could attend at these times without a booked appointment and wait to be seen.</p> <p>We checked the practice’s appointment system in real time on the (Friday) afternoon of the inspection. The next urgent appointment with a GP was 9am Monday morning (open access). The next routine GP appointment was 4.30pm on Monday and the next nurse appointment was at 11.10am on Wednesday.</p>	

The practice was also able to show that missed appointments had reduced by 22% since they began using a text messaging service to remind patients of their appointments. This in turn had improved access.

Indicator	Practice	CCG average	England average	England comparison
The percentage of respondents to the GP patient survey who responded positively to how easy it was to get through to someone at their GP practice on the phone (01/01/2018 to 31/03/2018)	98.1%	N/A	70.3%	Significant Variation (positive)
The percentage of respondents to the GP patient survey who responded positively to the overall experience of making an appointment (01/01/2018 to 31/03/2018)	88.2%	67.6%	68.6%	Tending towards variation (positive)
The percentage of respondents to the GP patient survey who were very satisfied or fairly satisfied with their GP practice appointment times (01/01/2018 to 31/03/2018)	88.3%	65.9%	65.9%	Variation (positive)
The percentage of respondents to the GP patient survey who were satisfied with the type of appointment (or appointments) they were offered (01/01/2018 to 31/03/2018)	87.9%	75.1%	74.4%	No statistical variation

Any additional evidence or comments

- Extended access appointments were offered by another provider from nearby premises on weekday evenings and weekends.
- The practice scored above local and national averages for every question related to access on the 2018 National GP Patient Survey. They were consistently among the highest-rated practices in the clinical commissioning group area with regard to feedback on this survey, for example they were joint third out of 40 practices for ease of use of online services, and joint fourth for satisfaction with appointment times.

Source	Feedback
Patient interviews, patient comment cards, NHS Choices	Patients we spoke to or who left comment cards or reviews on NHS Choices stated they were happy with access to the service. Patients told us they were always able to get an appointment when they needed one.

Listening and learning from concerns and complaints

Complaints were listened and responded to and used to improve the quality of care.

Complaints	
Number of complaints received in the last year.	1
Number of complaints we examined.	1
Number of complaints we examined that were satisfactorily handled in a timely way.	1
Number of complaints referred to the Parliamentary and Health Service Ombudsman.	0

	Y/N/Partial
Information about how to complain was readily available.	Y
There was evidence that complaints were used to drive continuous improvement.	Y

Example(s) of learning from complaints.

Complaint	Specific action taken
A patient was unhappy with information being shared with a third-party service.	Procedures were reviewed to ensure they were followed correctly and a medical indemnity company was consulted to ensure that the information was shared appropriately.

Well-led

Rating: Good

Leadership capacity and capability

There was compassionate, inclusive and effective leadership at all levels.

	Y/N/Partial
Leaders demonstrated that they understood the challenges to quality and sustainability.	Y
They had identified the actions necessary to address these challenges.	Y
Staff reported that leaders were visible and approachable.	Y
There was a leadership development programme, including a succession plan.	Y

Vision and strategy

The practice had a clear vision and credible strategy to provide high quality sustainable care.

	Y/N/Partial
The practice had a clear vision and set of values that prioritised quality and sustainability.	Y
There was a realistic strategy to achieve their priorities.	Y
The vision, values and strategy were developed in collaboration with staff, patients and external partners.	Y
Staff knew and understood the vision, values and strategy and their role in achieving them.	Y
Progress against delivery of the strategy was monitored.	Y

Culture

The practice had a culture which drove high quality sustainable care.

	Y/N/Partial
There were arrangements to deal with any behaviour inconsistent with the vision and values.	Y
Staff reported that they felt able to raise concerns without fear of retribution.	Y
There was a strong emphasis on the safety and well-being of staff.	Y
There were systems to ensure compliance with the requirements of the duty of candour.	Y
The practice's speaking up policies were in line with the NHS Improvement Raising Concerns (Whistleblowing) Policy.	Y
Explanation of any answers and additional evidence: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The practice offered mindfulness training to staff.• The GPs mentored and carried out the appraisals of the healthcare assistants.	

Examples of feedback from staff or other evidence about working at the practice

Source	Feedback
Staff interviews	Staff at the practice told us they felt supported and fully involved with the running of the practice.

Governance arrangements

There were clear responsibilities, roles and systems of accountability to support good governance and management.

	Y/N/Partial
There were governance structures and systems which were regularly reviewed.	Y
Staff were clear about their roles and responsibilities.	Y
There were appropriate governance arrangements with third parties.	Y

Managing risks, issues and performance

There were clear and effective processes for managing risks, issues and performance.

	Y/N/Partial
There were comprehensive assurance systems which were regularly reviewed and improved.	Y
There were processes to manage performance.	Y
There was a systematic programme of clinical and internal audit.	Y
There were effective arrangements for identifying, managing and mitigating risks.	Y
A major incident plan was in place.	Y
Staff were trained in preparation for major incidents.	Y
When considering service developments or changes, the impact on quality and sustainability was assessed.	Y

Appropriate and accurate information

There was a demonstrated commitment to using data and information proactively to drive and support decision making.

	Y/N/Partial
Staff used data to adjust and improve performance.	Y
Performance information was used to hold staff and management to account.	Y
Our inspection indicated that information was accurate, valid, reliable and timely.	Y
There were effective arrangements for identifying, managing and mitigating risks.	Y
Staff whose responsibilities included making statutory notifications understood what this	Y

entails.	
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Engagement with patients, the public, staff and external partners

The practice involved the public, staff and external partners to sustain high quality and sustainable care.

	Y/N/Partial
Patient views were acted on to improve services and culture.	Y
Staff views were reflected in the planning and delivery of services.	Y
The practice worked with stakeholders to build a shared view of challenges and of the needs of the population.	Y
Explanation of any answers and additional evidence: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The practice sharps protocol was put in place after receptionists noticed patients bringing in overflowing sharps boxes. A letter was sent to patients to educate them about how to dispose of sharps. • A project with a local school to improve sexual and mental health support for pupils was proposed by a receptionist at the practice. • The practice used social media to communicate with patients. 	

Feedback from Patient Participation Group.

Feedback
Feedback from the patient participation group was positive about the way in which the practice worked with them. They told us that information was shared with them before the meetings, and there was the chance for patients to add items to the agenda. We were told that the practice listened and was open to feedback.

Continuous improvement and innovation

There were systems and processes for learning, continuous improvement and innovation.

	Y/N/Partial
There was a strong focus on continuous learning and improvement.	Y
Learning was shared effectively and used to make improvements.	Y

Examples of continuous learning and improvement
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There was a programme of audit at the practice that showed improvements. The practice used “Plan, Do, Study, Act” (PDSA) cycles to continually monitor and look for improvements. • The practice was in the process of setting up an advice service with for pupils at the local school.

Notes: CQC GP Insight

GP Insight assesses a practice's data against all the other practices in England. We assess relative performance for the majority of indicators using a "z-score" (this tells us the number of standard deviations from the mean the data point is), giving us a statistical measurement of a practice's performance in relation to the England average. We highlight practices which significantly vary from the England average (in either a positive or negative direction). We consider that z-scores which are higher than +2 or lower than -2 are at significant levels, warranting further enquiry. Using this technique we can be 95% confident that the practice's performance is genuinely different from the average. It is important to note that a number of factors can affect the Z score for a practice, for example a small denominator or the distribution of the data. This means that there will be cases where a practice's data looks quite different to the average, but still shows as no statistical variation, as we do not have enough confidence that the difference is genuine. There may also be cases where a practice's data looks similar across two indicators, but they are in different variation bands.

The percentage of practices which show variation depends on the distribution of the data for each indicator, but is typically around 10-15% of practices. The practices which are not showing significant statistical variation are labelled as no statistical variation to other practices.

N.B. Not all indicators in the evidence table are part of the GP insight set and those that aren't will not have a variation band.

The following language is used for showing variation:

Variation Bands	Z-score threshold
Significant variation (positive)	≤ -3
Variation (positive)	> -3 and ≤ -2
Tending towards variation (positive)	> -2 and ≤ -1.5
No statistical variation	< 1.5 and > -1.5
Tending towards variation (negative)	≥ 1.5 and < 2
Variation (negative)	≥ 2 and < 3
Significant variation (negative)	≥ 3

Note: for the following indicators the variation bands are different:

- Child Immunisation indicators. These are scored against the World Health Organisation target of 95% rather than the England average.
- The percentage of respondents to the GP patient survey who responded positively to how easy it was to get through to someone at their GP practice on the phone uses a rules based approach for scoring, due to the distribution of the data. This indicator does not have a CCG average.

It is important to note that z-scores are not a judgement in themselves, but will prompt further enquiry, as part of our ongoing monitoring of GP practices.

Guidance and Frequently Asked Questions on GP Insight can be found on the following link:
<https://www.cqc.org.uk/guidance-providers/gps/how-we-monitor-gp-practices>

Glossary of terms used in the data.

- **COPD:** Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease
- **PHE:** Public Health England
- **QOF:** Quality and Outcomes Framework
- **STAR-PU:** Specific Therapeutic Group Age-sex weightings Related Prescribing Units. These weighting allow more accurate and meaningful comparisons within a specific therapeutic group by taking into account the types of people who will be receiving that treatment.