

Governing Body Meeting			
Date:	Tuesday 12 January 2021	Time:	2:30 pm
Venue:	MS Teams		
Questions from the general public received in advance			

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Under the financial planning for the remainder of the financial year Liverpool CCG and the Pan Mersey CCGs will have to break even which will put different financial pressures on individual CCGs as they make their contribution to the balanced budgets at ICS levels. QIPP is how CCG deliver savings including CCG Medicines management prescribing optimisation programs. To what extent will we see an increase in Pan Mersey wide prescribing optimisations programs with individual CCGs contributing differing levels of savings to achieve ICS scale savings for Liverpool CCGs and Pan Mersey?

Liverpool CCG response:

Liverpool CCG continues to work closely with NHS England and Cheshire & Merseyside Health and Care Partnership regarding forecast financial positions in respect of both current future and financial years.

With regards to the 20/21 financial year, medicines management initiatives that would normally have formed a significant part of CCG savings plans have understandably not progressed with key staff being redeployed to support front line services and other requirements including vaccination programmes etc. Many of the CCG level and wider system medicines optimisation schemes have subsequently been affected with the exception of some schemes that were already in progress prior to the pandemic to support quality and outcome improvements for patients.

The CCG continues to work with relevant partners to review potential initiatives either at a local level, or indeed at a wider system level but will inevitably depend on relative levels of opportunity in each part of the system and what makes sense to work together on in a collaborative basis. We are part of several C&M and regional medicines optimisation groups, working together to share best practice and improvement and apply that where it benefits our local population.