

**Briefing note for North Yorkshire County Council Scrutiny of Health Committee –
September 13th 2019**

Withdrawal of Minor Injuries Local Enhanced Scheme

As we updated the committee in June - due to the CCG's challenging financial position and as part of the CCGs planning for 2019/20 we reviewed all contracts – including the Minor Injuries Local Enhanced Scheme (MI LES) - to see where savings could be made with least impact for the majority of our population.

In view of the availability of Urgent Treatment Centre (UTC) or Minor Injuries Unit (MIU) services for the majority of our population within reasonable travelling distance and the comparatively low level of activity through the Minor Injuries Local Enhanced Scheme, (i.e. no practices seeing more than two patients per week and only 4 practices seeing more than one patient per week), the difficult decision was made to decommission this service from April 1st 2019.

Following feedback received from our super-rural practices (Central Dales & Reeth) the CCG agreed to reinstate individual practice arrangements for the minor injuries service as it was felt appropriate that those practices located more than 25 miles from the nearest alternative service needed to continue to provide the scheme outwith of the GP out of hospital basket.

In June the Committee asked us to provide details of the level of use of the enhanced minor injuries services that was commissioned at GP practices. We can confirm that in 2018/19 the 22 GP practices saw 766 patients in total under the MI LES – equating to an average of just under 35 patients per practice over the year, or just under 3 patients per practice per month.

The Committee also asked us what the arrangements were across the county. We can confirm that our neighbouring CCGs in Harrogate and Scarborough currently still have a minor injuries local enhanced service in place. However, as our organisations move towards merger we are taking another look at minor injuries to ensure there is sufficient capacity in view of wider changes to service models and to ensure equity across the county. We also continue to work with the GP practices to monitor the impact of the service withdrawal on both patient experience and outcomes.

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