



GMS Contract concerns with Dr Allinson and Dr Ahmed

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Background



- Dr Allison & Dr Ahmed operate the following practices in Gwent:
 - Aberbeeg Medical Practice (from 1 April 24)
 - Brynmawr Medical Practice (from 1 April 24)
 - Blaenavon Medical Practice (from 1 April 24)
 - Bryntirion Surgery - including Markham Branch Surgery (from 1 April 24)
 - Gelligaer Surgery
 - Lliswerry Medical Centre
 - Pontypool Medical Centre
 - Tredegar Health Centre (from 1 January 24)
- The GMS contract for these practices is awarded to the named GP partnership
- Health Board has been supporting the partnership through a transition process since contract awards were made and has been meeting the partnership regularly



Concerns raised



- Over the last 6 weeks, the Health Board has received concerns related to the following themes:
 - Lack of provision of adequate clinical cover and early closure as a result
 - Failure to pay locum staff and suppliers
 - Concerns regarding the provision of employer liability insurance and public liability insurance
 - Concerns in relation to pay staff, HMRC (national insurance) payments and PAYE and NHS pension contribution payments
 - Cleanliness of practice premises
- Received through Members of the Senedd and Parliament, County Councils (Blaenau Gwent LA) and local intelligence
- No concerns received by Llais



Response taken



- Health Board has instigated a period of enhanced monitoring for the GP partnership:
 - Bi-weekly assurance meetings – first held on 28 October 2024;
 - Focus of assurance meeting is governance, workforce, finance and any specific concerns
- Meetings with 8 County Councillors, 1 Member of the Senedd and 1 Member of Parliament
- Summary report into concerns provided
- Focussed review undertaken based on the GMS Contract Assurance Framework undertaken on 14 November 2024 - no contractual breaches identified
- Further focused review planned for 4 December 2024





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Other concerns



- Confirmation that all relevant and necessary insurance arrangements are in place
- Partnership has appointed new salaried cleaners across all practices



Next steps



- Bi-weekly assurance meetings to continue
- Support during periods of escalation levels, in line with national escalation reporting systems, will continue to be managed in line with the Health Board process
- Practice will continue to provide detail regarding the clinical provision throughout November 2024-January 2025
- Partnership to provide a plan of when and how they expect to enter a period of greater stability
- Enhanced monitoring status to be reviewed in new year
- Follow-up meeting with elected members scheduled for end of January 25

