

# WMQRS 2017-18 and Beyond

*WMQRS: Supporting NHS organisations in the West Midlands to improve quality*



## Background

- ◆ WMQRS a collaborative venture between CCGs and Trusts in the West Midlands. The long-standing funding arrangement is that commissioners fund the WMQRS core team costs on a capitation basis and all organisations fund reviewers' time and travel.
- ◆ Trusts contribute reviewers' time and travel expenses. Acting as a reviewer is highly effective CPD for healthcare professionals. The 'in kind' contribution of Trusts is therefore significant.
- ◆ The current three year funding agreement ends in March 2017. This flier gives early notification of proposed funding arrangements for 2017/18 as WMQRS funding has been treated as recurrent by most CCGs.
- ◆ An external 'Customer Review' undertaken in the autumn of 2016 indicated widespread support for the continuation of WMQRS, although organisations varied in the extent to which they were making use of the service.



## This flier proposes:

- ◆ Funding arrangements for WMQRS for 2017/18 and beyond
- ◆ New ways in which WMQRS capacity can be used

## Proposals

- ◆ 5% reduction in CCG funding of WMQRS core costs.
- ◆ More flexible use of 'credits':
  - Credit sharing across STP areas
  - Year-end credit flexibility up to July the following year
- ◆ 10% funding used for keeping Quality Standards up to date. Over 30 sets of Quality Standards will therefore be available for use and updated regularly. Total 'credits' reduced by 10% to cover this work.
- ◆ 2017/18 funding levels maintained for 2018/19 and beyond. Further reductions will be made if possible.



Less than 6p per head for access to a comprehensive suite of Standards and an ongoing quality review programme which has been shown to be highly effective in improving quality and brings real benefits to patient care.

Considerable added value from collaboration across the West Midlands but a critical mass is needed for this benefit to be maintained.



## Action

Please can you confirm by 31st July 2016 that you are happy to continue to support WMQRS on the basis outlined by emailing: [claire.launders@nhs.net](mailto:claire.launders@nhs.net)



## Use WMQRS to support STP planning and implementation

Where STP priority areas have been identified WMQRS can offer:

- ◆ Identification of relevant evidence-based Quality Standards (WMQRS or other)
- ◆ Suggested approaches that would meet expected Quality Standards, based on WMQRS knowledge of the area and on learning from other areas
- ◆ Analysis of likely problems and issues, based on previous reviews and learning from other areas
- ◆ Comparison of existing or proposed Strategies with the evidence-based Quality Standards
- ◆ Revised Quality Standards suitable for use in local service specifications
- ◆ Reviews to give quality assurance of new or reconfigured services

Please pass this information on to your STP leads

## Other WMQRS products available

As well as support for STP planning and implementation, WMQRS offers:

- ◆ Development of pathways and Quality Standards
- ◆ Formative reviews
- ◆ Peer review visits
- ◆ Strategic reviews
- ◆ Facilitated self-assessments



## Funding and Credits by STP

| STP Area   | Funding (£) | Cred- | STP Area - |
|--|-------------|-------|------------|
| <b>Coventry &amp; Warwickshire</b>               |             |       |            |
| NHS Coventry and Rugby CCG                       | 26,615      | 5.00  | 10         |
| NHS South Warwickshire CCG                       | 15,252      | 3.00  |            |
| NHS Warwickshire North CCG                       | 10,186      | 2.00  |            |
| <b>Birmingham</b>                                |             |       |            |
| NHS Birmingham CrossCity CCG                     | 40,861      | 7.5   | 12.5       |
| NHS Birmingham South and Central CCG             | 13,705      | 2.5   |            |
| NHS Solihull CCG                                 | 13,212      | 2.5   |            |
| <b>Black Country</b>                             |             |       |            |
| NHS Dudley CCG                                   | 17,200      | 3.0   | 14         |
| NHS Walsall CCG                                  | 15,144      | 3.0   |            |
| NHS Sandwell and West Birmingham CCG             | 30,106      | 5.5   |            |
| NHS Wolverhampton CCG                            | 14,388      | 2.5   |            |
| <b>Herefordshire &amp; Worcestershire</b>        |             |       |            |
| NHS Herefordshire CCG                            | 10,131      | 2.0   | 7.5        |
| NHS Redditch and Bromsgrove CCG                  | 9,502       | 1.5   |            |
| NHS South Worcestershire CCG                     | 16,272      | 3.0   |            |
| NHS Wyre Forest CCG                              | 6,188       | 1.0   |            |
| <b>Shropshire</b>                                |             |       |            |
| NHS Shropshire CCG                               | 16,518      | 3.0   | 5          |
| NHS Telford and Wrekin CCG                       | 9,643       | 2.0   |            |
| <b>Staffordshire</b>                             |             |       |            |
| NHS Cannock Chase CCG                            | 7,304       | 1.0   | 11         |
| NHS East Staffordshire CCG                       | 7,549       | 1.5   |            |
| NHS North Staffordshire CCG                      | 11,746      | 2.0   |            |
| NHS South East Staffs and Seisdon Peninsular CCG | 11,736      | 2.0   |            |
| NHS Stafford and Surrounds CCG                   | 8,025       | 1.5   |            |
| NHS Stoke-on-Trent CCG                           | 15,507      | 3.0   |            |

## Commissioned Reviews

WMQRS is happy to undertake commissioned reviews. Organisations then have choice over whether or not reports are communicated widely and placed on the WMQRS website. Please contact WMQRS if you would like to discuss commissioned reviews in more detail.

## WMQRS and the CQC

WMQRS has internationally recognised accreditation as an 'inspection body'. This means that WMQRS reports and use of WMQRS products will be recognised by the CQC as a reliable source of information, especially in support of the new CQC 'lighter touch' Strategy. WMQRS has not registered as an official source for the CQC because a developmental and supportive approach is one of our principles. We think it is better that Trusts and CCGs provide the outputs of WMQRS work to the CQC.

## More information

Please contact WMQRS if you would like to discuss these proposals or how we can better support your quality improvement work. [jane.eminson@nhs.net](mailto:jane.eminson@nhs.net) 07788 413 480