

Locally Commissioned Services (LCSs) Questionnaire Results



October 2024

The LMC circulated a questionnaire to Sheffield GP practices. The results are as follows:

- 24 completed questionnaires were received.
- The minimum number of LCSs being provided is 7.
- The maximum number of LCSs being provided is 20.
- The average number of LCSs being provided is 12.

Do you think LCSs are adequately funded?

100% No.

Comments:

- No uplift or totally inadequate, not kept up with inflation.
- Care Homes LCS - calculation per bed rather than workload.
- Over and Above is outdated.
- We have to top up cost of delivery.
- Sexual Health not cost effective.

Is your practice considering stopping any LCSs?

No 11 (46%) / Yes 13 (54%)

Which ones? (13 practices):

- Anticoagulation 8 (62%)
- Minor surgery 5 (38%)
- Sexual Health 3 (23%)
- DMARDS 3 (23%)
- Care Homes 3 (23%)
- Over and above 2 (15%)
- Transgender 2 (15%)
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Why?

- Funding.
- No Room.
- Reduced activity makes it financially unviable.
- Over and Above is just a dumping ground for work.
- We are running the services for nothing.
- Staff time for little recompense.

Should future LCSs be commissioned:

Individually vs An all-or-nothing basket of services

100% vs 0%

Target-based scheme

Yes 2 (8%) / No 22 (92%)

IOS fee per activity

Yes 23 (96%) / Not sure 1 (4%)

What activity would you like to see in LCSs?

- Adequately funded phlebotomy or a community service including housebound
- Bring Sexual Health back into LCS
- 12 lead ECGs across the city
- Dressings and wounds
- Adequately funded dressings and wound care.
- Interpreted consultations
- Ear care/syringing
- DOAC management and Dalteparin
- Shared Care protocols (ADHD mentioned particularly)
- Spirometry
- MGUS monitoring
- PSA monitoring especially in prostate cancer
- Supported living (not just Care Homes) especially LD
- GLP-1 initiation