

Potential change of control of AT Medics Ltd

February 2024

Welcome



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Integrated Care Board

In attendance

- Dr Josephine Sauvage, GP and Chief Medical Officer
- Andrew Spicer, Assistant Director of Governance, Risk and Legal Services
- Vanessa Piper, Assistant Director of Primary Care Contract and Commissioning.

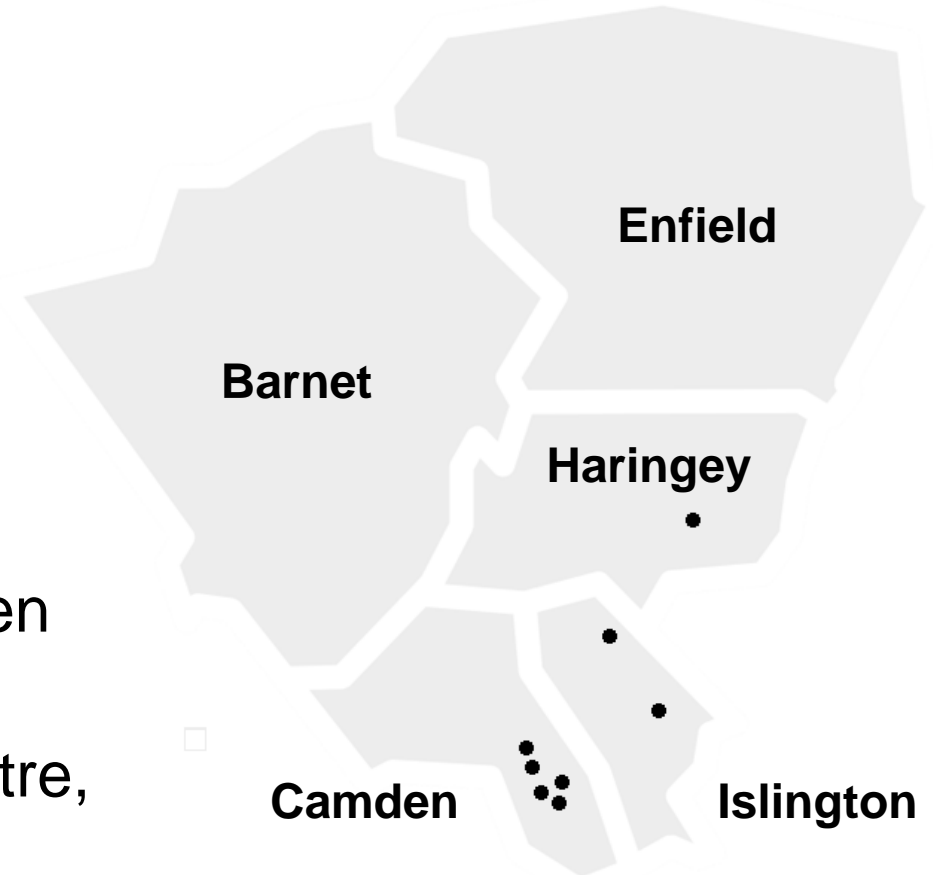
Recording

- Please note that we will shortly begin recording this meeting
- We will publish these slides and the recording on our website:
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Background

Across North Central London AT Medics Ltd holds the following contracts:

- St Ann's Road Surgery, Haringey
- Mitchison Road Surgery, Islington
- Hanley Primary Care Centre, Islington
- Kings Cross Surgery, Camden
- Somers Town Medical Centre, Camden
- Brunswick Medical Centre, Camden
- Camden Health Improvement Practice, Camden
- GP Extended Access Hubs at Somers Town Medical Centre and Brondesbury Medical Centre, Camden.



What is happening

On 30th November 2023, AT Medics Ltd wrote to London Integrated Care Boards advising that Centene Corporation are proposing to sell their UK general practice business to T20 Osprey Midco Limited (HCRG Care Group).

AT Medics Ltd is owned by Operose Health Ltd who are owned MH Services International (UK) Ltd who are owned by Centene Corporation.

Due to a clause in the Alternative Provider of Medical Services contract, contract holders must ask for permission from the Integrated Care Board for a change of control.



Due diligence and assurance process

We are undertaking a due diligence and assurance process in line with our contractual and legal rights and obligations to check that the proposed new owner is qualified to hold an Alternative Provider of Medical Services Contract.

Carried out independently, we expect this to be a robust, thorough and lengthy process which includes checks on:

- financial standing and bankruptcy
- disqualification from holding an Alternative Provider of Medical Services contract
- ownership model (including company structures and governance)
- transfer and handling of patient data
- staffing and management changes.

Due diligence and assurance process



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We will consider the regulatory view (Care Quality Commission) of existing services run by the proposed provider and draw on information about performance of services already run by the provider.

Irrespective of ownership and the outcome, we will continue to monitor the quality and performance of services on an ongoing basis. This includes data on workforce and other indicators.

We will ensure services meet NHS standards and regulations using the levers we have as commissioner and working with the Care Quality Commission.

What it means for patients

We are seeking assurance that patients will be able to continue to access the same services from the same locations as they do now.

We will also look for evidence of engagement with patients and the health of our population.

If there is a change of control, there will be no change to:

- the legal entity holding the contracts (AT Medics Ltd)
- the contracts themselves
- the services AT Medics Ltd are required to provide, including locations, opening hours and service standards.

Sharing your views and feedback

In January we informed registered patients and local stakeholders of the application and the steps we are taking to assess it.

These communications have included:

- Text message to all registered patients
- GP practice website updates
- GP practice newsletter updates
- GP practice posters



Sharing your views and feedback

We want to hear your views and feedback.

A survey is available on our website where we will collate views, feedback and questions.

What we hear will inform both the due diligence and assurance process and the final decision.

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Making a decision

We will listen carefully to feedback from patients, the public and stakeholders, and this will help inform the due diligence and assurance process.

The application will be considered on the basis of legal and national guidance, the information presented and the relevant legal and contractual frameworks.

When determining whether or not to grant consent, we are required to act reasonably, fairly and in accordance with our legal duties.

To reject an application requires a legal or contractual basis. Examples of such factors include but are not limited to:

- Adverse findings identified from the due diligence and assurance process
- Significant performance concerns
- Known concerns related to the proposed buyer.

Making a decision

We will publicise when the decision whether or not to grant consent to the change of control takes place at our Primary Care Committee.

This depends on the progress of the due diligence and assurance process and the pre-election period.

As a meeting held in public, members of the public and stakeholders will be able to listen to proceedings and submit questions related to the agenda in advance.



Timeline

We will continue to engage with patients and the public up until 19th March. From 19th March - 2nd May, we will be subject to the restrictions placed on the communication activities of public bodies during the pre-election period.

Public discussion of the potential change of control will not be permitted at April's Primary Care Committee.

We expect to discuss interim findings (in public) at June's committee, with August's committee being the earliest opportunity we could take a final decision.

- 30th November 2023 - application for change of control received
- December – due diligence and assurance process commences
- 29th January – patient and public engagement begins
- 29th February – patient and public webinar
- 16th April - Primary Care Committee
- 18th June - Primary Care Committee
- 6th August – Primary Care Committee

Questions and feedback



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Thank you



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Thank you for attending today's webinar.

Your views, feedback and questions will inform the due diligence and assurance process and the final decision.

A survey is available on our website you can share your views and feedback. We will share this survey with everyone who attended today's webinar.

Responses to frequently asked questions which we will update periodically are also available on our website.

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