



North East London

Webinar on potential change of control of AT Medics Ltd

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Welcome and introductions

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Welcome and housekeeping

- Format: short presentation followed by the opportunity to ask questions
- Please stay on mute unless you are speaking
- Raise your hand if you have a question or put it in the chat
- Please be courteous and allow others to speak.

Please note: we will be recording this so we can ensure the discussion is accurately captured. This will be for our records only, it will not be shared online.

Background

- NHS North East London (North East London Integrated Care Board) has been notified of a potential change of control of AT Medics Ltd.
- AT Medics Ltd was set up by GPs in 2004 and is a large provider of general practice services. AT Medics Ltd was acquired by Operose Health Ltd in 2021 which holds a number of other contracts in London and elsewhere in England and are ultimately owned by Centene Corporation.
- AT Medics Ltd has written to NHS North East London to advise us that Centene Corporation are proposing to sell their UK general practice business to T20 Osprey Midco Limited.

Affected practices in north east London

- AT Medics Ltd holds seven Alternative Provider Medical Services (APMS) contracts in north east London. These are:
 - The Loxford Practice – Redbridge
 - Lucas Avenue Practice – Newham
 - Carpenters Practice – Newham
 - E16 Health – Newham
 - Trowbridge Surgery– City & Hackney
 - Goodman’s Field Centre – Tower Hamlets
 - Victoria Medical Centre – Barking & Dagenham (short-term caretaking contract until March 2024)

We also have a PMS practice run by Chilvers & McCrae Ltd which sits within the wider Operose Health group of companies under the operational management control of Operose Health Ltd:

- John Smith Medical Centre, Barking and Dagenham – Chilvers & McCrae Ltd (PMS practice)

What are AT Medics asking us to do?

Because of clauses in the APMS contract, AT Medics Ltd has to seek consent to a change of control.

AT Medics Ltd have advised us that:

- The change of control arises as a result of a proposed change in ownership of Operose Health Ltd, which owns AT Medics Ltd through a holding company.
- It is intended that the ownership of Operose Health Ltd will transfer from the current owner, MH Services International (UK) Ltd, to T20 Osprey Midco Limited.

What it means for patients

- All GP practices are private businesses and work under contract to the NHS
- Whether owned by GPs or other organisations they must be able to meet strict standards and regulations that apply to all NHS providers.
- In this case the contract will continue to be held by AT Medics Ltd and they will continue to be responsible for providing the primary care services.
- As part of our assurance process, we will be seeking assurance that patients will be able to continue to access the same services from the same locations as they do now.

What it means for patients

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

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

Our responsibilities

- As a commissioner of health services, it is NHS North East London's role to ensure the provision of high quality, safe services for local people.
- In addition, all health service providers are regulated and inspected by the [Care Quality Commission](#) to ensure they meet fundamental standards of quality and safety.
- We have now begun a due diligence process to check that the proposed new owner of Operose Health Ltd is of good standing.
- We will also seek assurance that the change of control would not affect service provision and that patients will still access care in the same way from the practice.

Our responsibilities

- When considering whether to consent to the change of control, we will assess the proposal carefully and consider whether it is necessary to seek any additional assurances.
- Our decision will be made at a meeting of the NEL Primary Care Contracts Sub Group which will meet in public to take the decision.
- This means members of the public will be able to attend and observe proceedings. We will publicise when the meeting occurs.
- Current planning is for the sub group to meet in March.

Feedback and questions?

Please note: the issue under consideration is the proposed change of control of Operose Health Ltd and not the APMS model of contracting primary care services.

Next steps

- Please continue to give feedback via our survey: www.surveymonkey.com/r/LZX8TS7
- We will upload these slides to our website and send you the link.
- We will notify you when the sub group is scheduled and when a decision is taken.
- Thank you for attending.