

Developing Clinical Commissioning Groups: Towards Authorisation

Dame Barbara Hakin, National Managing Director of Commissioning Development, wrote to SHA Chief Executives this week to share an early draft of an authorisation framework for Clinical Commissioning Groups.

This draft document - *Developing Clinical Commissioning Groups: Towards Authorisation* - aims to outline the practical ways in which CCGs can take up development opportunities, and the ways in which it is anticipated that CCGs might become authorised. It therefore provides a basis on which emerging CCGs can start to test out their detailed planning for authorisation. The content reflects the thinking to date and follows the earlier engagement work with GP and pathfinder leaders prior to the "pause". Further development and testing over next few weeks will help to refine and improve the detail of the framework.

As this is work in progress which is subject to the passage of the Health and Social Care Bill through parliament, and the views of the NHS Commissioning Board, further feedback will be helpful. PCT clusters are therefore being asked to discuss it locally with emerging CCGs and local authorities, and to share any feedback. SHA commissioning development leads will also be seeking to use the existing engagement opportunities with GP leaders across Yorkshire and the Humber.

- [Developing Clinical Commissioning Groups: Towards Authorisation – draft document](#)
- [Technical Appendix 1 – The likely legislative requirements](#)
- [Technical Appendix 2 – Risk assessment of configuration](#)
- [Technical Appendix 3 – Developing a great clinical commissioning group – your views on the domains](#)
- [Technical Appendix 4 – Supporting documentation for clinical commissioning groups](#)

If you wish to feedback on the above documents, please email Carolyn.ohare@yorksandhumber.nhs.uk before Mid September. If you have any queries please contact Pauline.fryer@yorksandhumber.nhs.uk.

If you have trouble accessing the documents please contact your cluster director of commissioning development.

Long Term Conditions Regional Support Programme Planning Workshop

Thursday 1st September - 10.00am - 1.00pm, Pontefract Racecourse

Invitations have been issued this week by Sir John Oldham, National Clinical Lead for Quality and Productivity, for this meeting.

Long Term Conditions (LTC) is the pivotal issue facing GP practices and Clinical Commissioning Groups (CCGs), accounting for the majority of appointments, visits and hospital admissions. Improvement is not only essential to drive up quality of care for patients but it will also be central to sustainability, accountability and the new QoF.

Given the importance of this agenda, the aim is that at least one GP from each emerging CCG will attend.

If you wish to register for the event or have any queries please contact: carolyn.ohare@yorksandhumber.nhs.uk or michelleplace@rocketmail.com/ 07796917888

New SHA Cluster Chief Executives Announced

Sir David Nicholson has today confirmed that Ian Dalton CBE will take up the post of Chief Executive for the NHS North of England cluster as from 3 October 2011.

One of Ian's first key tasks will be to agree the new management structure for the north SHA cluster and, following the end of the consultation process at the end of August, will commence the recruitment process for directors. Executive directors for the new cluster are expected to be in post by the end of September so that the important task of managing the transition can continue smoothly and without delay.

Bill McCarthy, current chief executive of NHS Yorkshire and the Humber, has been appointed as the Managing Director responsible for the set up of the NHS Commissioning Board.

The three other SHA Cluster Chief Executive appointments have also been confirmed as follows: NHS Midlands and East – Sir Neil McKay; NHS London – Dame Ruth Carnall; NHS South of England – Sir Ian Carruthers.

Until 3 October, all existing SHA chief executives and interim SHA chief executives will remain in place.

Further details can be found at: <http://healthandcare.dh.gov.uk/sha-cluster-appointments/>

DH Pathfinder Bulletin – Latest edition

The latest edition of the pathfinder groups bulletin is now available from:

<http://healthandcare.dh.gov.uk/pathfinder-bulletin-july11/>

King's Fund report on quality of GP prescribing

The King's Fund has published a report on the quality of GP prescribing, as part of its inquiry into the quality of general practice in England. The report makes a number of recommendations and proposes quality indicators that could be used to describe high-quality prescribing.

This is useful background reading for all involved in prescribing support and monitoring as well as those developing clinical commissioning groups.

You can download the report here: <http://www.yorksandhumber.nhs.uk/document.php?o=7478>

NHS National Prescribing Centre - QIPP Regional Event

Monday 10 October, 9.30am – 3.45pm, Weetwood Hall, Leeds, LS16 5PS

This **free** event has been specifically designed to inform and update delegates on the prescribing and medicines management aspects of the national QIPP initiative.

All NHS clinicians and managers working at a strategic level are invited to attend. This includes clinical consortia leads; medical directors; senior management team members; chief executives; finance leads; SHA leads; directors and managers of NHS organisations working on the national QIPP initiative.

The day will include presenters from regional and local organisations, sharing their examples of good practice and showcasing the improvements they are making to support the government's QIPP initiative in prescribing and medicines management.

[Click here for further information and details of how to register.](#)