

Commissioning Intelligence

- A draft report has been published by the Intelligence for Commissioners national team which provides feedback on the results of a large-scale engagement exercise. The exercise was conducted to help understand the information and intelligence requirements of emerging Clinical Commissioning Groups (CCGs). A commissioning intelligence model has been developed to facilitate discussions between the local PCT Clusters, emerging Clinical Commissioning Groups (CCGs), Public Health and emerging Clinical Support Organisations (CSOs). However, many other health and social care and private sector organisations may find the papers useful as a reference tool when planning and designing their infrastructure and services.

[Click here to view the Commissioning Intelligence Model](#)

[Click here to view the Commissioning Intelligence Draft Report](#)

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Public health framework sets out desired outcomes

The Department of health has published a new public health outcomes framework, which, sets out the desired outcomes for public health and how these will be measured.

The framework concentrates on two high-level outcomes to be achieved across the public health system. These are:

- increased healthy life expectancy
- reduced differences in life expectancy and healthy life expectancy between communities

[Click here for further detail and to view the framework document](#)

Seeking good practice in commissioning and providing diagnostic services

NHS Improvement and the Department of Health are seeking to identify examples of good practice in both the provision of diagnostic services in primary & secondary care and the commissioning of such services. For example, they want to hear about:

- Clinical protocols and guidelines to support standardisation;
- Standard contract templates for high volume pathways;
- Different models of care, for example:
 - schemes to 'upskill' primary care staff to carry out more diagnostic services in primary care;
 - outreach services from hospital into the community;
 - the introduction of point of care testing (eg for electrolytes, haemoglobin or blood gases) that can be routinely and safely delivered nearer the patient
 - the implementation of new technologies/equipment that have improved patient pathways

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Improving health results for children

A new focus on improving care for children and young people will be unveiled later this year, Secretary of State Andrew Lansley has announced.

It will identify health issues that matter most to children and young people, and how a modern NHS will meet their needs.

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Organisational design of the NHS Commissioning Board

A paper will be going to the NHS Commissioning Board Special Health Authority on 2 February 2012 to seek the Board's approval to proposals for the organisational design of the NHS Commissioning Board (NHS CB).

The paper sets out recommendations for:

- the disposition of the NHS CB's running costs from April 2013;
- directorate structures and staffing, including how the NHS CB will work locally; and
- matrix working to ensure that all the NHS CB's activities contribute to improving outcomes, are clinically led, and informed by the patient and public voice.

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Events

Workshop: Are we prepared for 2012

Tuesday 13 March 2012 9:30 – 16:00
The National Coal Mining Museum,
New Road,
Overton,
Wakefield, WF4 4RH

A workshop for people who work in emergency preparedness in the NHS has been set up to look at ways to strengthen NHS organisations' resilience and business continuity plans for 2012. To register for this free event please email emergency.preparedness@yorksandhumber.nhs.uk by Wednesday, 29th February 2012.

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[Click here to view a letter from Annette Laban Director of Performance and Operations, NHS North of England](#)

Think Local Act Personal Conference

30 March 2012
Elland Road Pavilion, Leeds

This free conference, organised by the Yorkshire and Humber Health and Wellbeing Collaborative, will launch a new strategic partnership between those who use services, those who deliver services and those who plan and commission them. With inspiring key note speeches, workshops on how to make personalised services a reality, a vibrant marketplace to display up to date ideas and the chance to hear about and challenge others are planning – this is the main event for the Spring. The opportunities span the health service and local government so all are welcome. To reserve a place go to <http://yhhwc.eventbrite.com/>

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