

Yorkshire and Humber Health and Wellbeing Collaborative

The Yorkshire and Humber Health Wellbeing Collaborative met last week to discuss areas for collaboration and joint working between local government and the NHS, including assistive technology, personalisation, integrated and joint commissioning, carers and end of life care.

The collaborative's focus is on supporting innovation and improvements in quality, efficiency and effectiveness through a more coordinated approach between partners at the local and sub regional level. As well as commissioning work programmes and products at the regional level, one of the key roles of the collaborative is to share and promote best practice.

Members include the Y&H Association of Directors of Social Services and Association of Directors of Children's Services Chairs, a PCT Cluster Chief Executive, a Director of Public Health, a GP representative, the Deputy Regional Director, and representatives from NHS North of England and Local Government Yorkshire and Humber. PCT Cluster Chief Executives and local GPs are currently being sought. To find out more about the collaborative or to become involved contact Bill Hodson, independent consultant supporting the collaborative at william.hodson2@btopenworld.com.

Healthwatch England Membership Consultation

A consultation has been launched to gather the views of the public regarding aspects of the membership of Healthwatch England. The views gathered will influence the development of the policy on membership, which will be governed by regulations to be made under powers conferred by the Health and Social Care Bill, which is currently before Parliament.

The fundamental purpose of Healthwatch England is to be a national body that enables the collective views of the people who use health and social care services to influence national policy, advice and guidance.

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Amendments to Health and Social Care Bill published

The Government has tabled a series of amendments to the Health and Social Care Bill in advance of its Report Stage in the House of Lords, which begins next week.

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Framework agreement for NHS Commissioning Board Authority in place

The Department of Health and the NHS Commissioning Board Authority have jointly signed a framework agreement that sets out the relationship between the two organisations.

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Clinical Commissioning Groups – patient and public consultation during the transitional period and in the future

A report is being shared for information which outlines the statutory duties in relation to involvement and consultation for commissioning organisations. The report, written by NHS North of Tyne, suggests the initial steps that emerging clinical commissioning groups (CCGs) need to take during the transitional period and in the future to ensure they meet their requirements.

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Events

YORKSHIRE & THE HUMBER HEPATITIS B & C PROJECT LAUNCH

Leeds Town Hall
29 March 2012

A free event is being held for senior commissioners, planners and providers of hepatitis B and C services.

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