

Commissioning Support Services

The NHS Commissioning Board Authority has issued a key facts sheet and Q & A on the development of Commissioning Support Services. These services are designed to support Clinical Commissioning Groups and the clinical leadership in the commissioning of high quality, efficient health care. The documents are likely to be of interest to the NHS and Local Authority partners.

[Click here for more information](#)

[Click here for a detailed Q&A](#)

Local Government Proposition

Local Government in Yorkshire and Humber has developed a short proposition setting out its collective vision for how councils can help achieve effective transition to the new arrangements and delivery of the health reform ambitions.

The proposition details the local government 'offer' and highlights councils' desire to refocus efforts away from structures and the transactional management of the transition, towards changing and creating new relationships at all levels in the system and a more transformational approach. Local authorities want to use this opportunity to demonstrate the totality of the local government contribution across a range of different aspects of the health reforms, as well as to emphasise the need to work more collaboratively, particularly around the transformational and preventative/early intervention agendas.

[Click here for more information](#)

Review into confidentiality and the sharing of health and social care information

In January, the Government accepted the Future Forum's recommendation for a review of the balance between protecting patient information and its sharing, to improve patient care. Dame Fiona Caldicott has agreed to lead this review.

[Click here for more information](#)

Health and Social Care Bill explained

The Health and Social Care Bill is now in its Report Stage in the House of Lords.

The Department of Health has published a series of factsheets on the Health and Social Care Bill to explain particular topics contained in the Bill, including its key themes.

[Click here to view the factsheets](#)

Events

LGA Public Health annual conference 2012 – political and managerial leadership in public health

London - 28 February 2012

The Local Government Association Public Health Annual Conference 2012 will take place later this month in London. The event, which is open to those working in health and social care across the NHS and in local government, will highlight the innovative work already being undertaken by councils and public health teams. The conference will also look at how to build on existing best practice to identify and tackle the challenges and opportunities of the new public health landscape.

[Click here for costs, booking and more information](#)
