



City of Westminster

Westminster Health & Wellbeing Board

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1. Executive Summary

- 1.1 Through the letter to Local Authority Chief Executive Officers and Health and Wellbeing Board (HWBB) Chairs issued on 18th December¹, NHS England encouraged HWBBs to have a conversation with their local commissioners of primary care; both Clinical Commissioning Groups (CCGs) and NHS England.
- 1.2 This paper serves as an update for HWBBs on developments in primary care co-commissioning across the eight CCGs of North West London (NWL). Furthermore, this paper is intended to initiate conversations between local commissioners and HWBBs in NWL on the role of local HWBBs in primary care co-commissioning going forward to ensure a timely and transparent dialogue about the role primary care co-commissioning could play in realising the NWL shared pioneer vision to improve the quality of care for individuals, carers and families, empowering and supporting people to maintain independence and lead full lives as active participants in their community. In particular it focuses on the role of the General Practice (GP) at the centre of organising and coordinating care, based upon need and individual circumstances, rather than separate services or disease conditions.

¹ Update on primary care co-commissioning. 18 December 2014. Gateway reference: 02776.

- 1.3 The paper notes the initial expression of interest submitted by the eight CCGs of NWL and the agreement to enter into shadow arrangements from January 2015 onwards. The paper also notes the intention to continue to formally explore the establishment of primary care co-commissioning with NHS England through the nationally-established assurance processes and notes the need for constituent practice support for any constitutional changes.
- 1.4 Finally, the paper proposes the areas where more structured engagement with the HWBB of NWL will be helpful to ensure that the benefits of co-commissioning in relation to achieving the pioneer vision, is fully realised.

2. Key Matters for the Board's Consideration

- 2.1 The HWBB are asked to support the conversation between the HWBB and local commissioners of primary care for NWL and NHS England on the role of local HWBBs in primary care co-commissioning going forward.
- 2.2 Furthermore the HWBB is asked to consider:
 - How to ensure a transparent dialogue both during shadow arrangements and following any decision to enter into formal co-commissioning arrangements in April 2015; and
 - Further stakeholder organisations that they may need to engage with over the coming months and how the NWL CCGs can support in this.

3. Background

- 3.1 In June NHS England invited clinical commissioning groups (CCGs) to submit and Expression of Interest in an increased role in the commissioning of primary care services. The intention was to empower and enable CCGs to improve primary care services locally for the benefit of patients and local communities.
- 3.2 Currently NHS England commission primary care services, including primary medical care services, ophthalmology, dentistry and pharmacy. NHS England also commission specialised services, offender healthcare and healthcare for people in the military.
- 3.3 At this stage primary care co-commissioning refers to the commissioning of primary medical care services only, either jointly between CCGs and NHS England or through NHS England delegating their commissioning functions to a CCG.
- 3.4 The eight CCGs of NWL jointly submitted an Expression of Interest in Primary Care Co-commissioning to NHS England in June 2014.
- 3.5 On 10 November 2014, NHS England published Next steps towards primary care co-commissioning². This document sets out three possible models for primary care co-commissioning (greater involvement, joint commissioning and delegated commissioning) and the next steps towards implementation.

² *Next steps towards primary care co-commissioning*. NHS England and NHS Clinical Commissioners. 10 November 2014. Publications Gateway Reference 02501.

3.6 The approach has been developed by the joint CCG and NHS England primary care co-commissioning programme oversight group, which includes two local authority representatives: Ged Curran (Chief Executive, Merton Council) and Merran McRae (Chief Executive, Calderdale Council).

4. Legal Implications

4.1 Nil.

5. Financial Implications

5.1 Nil.

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Appendices:

Appendix A

Primary Care Co-commissioning in North West London: Update for Health and Wellbeing Boards