



Northern, Eastern and Western Devon  
Clinical Commissioning Group



# Commissioning of Primary Care Services

## NEW Devon CCG



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The Health and Social Care Act has brought about considerable changes to the commissioning of Primary Care Services

During the first year of CCGs there has been a level of frustration due to this fragmentation and the inability of CCGs to commission across the whole care pathway

More recently there has been an increased emphasis on the Primary Care Commissioning agenda as outlined in;  
A Call to Action Primary Care Report – Phase 1  
CCG Expressions of Interest – Co-commissioning Primary Care

# Primary Care Call to Action – Why does general practice need to change?

- **Demographics:** The population is growing and people are living longer. Those with more than one long-term conditions will rise from 1.9 million in 2008 to 2.9 million in 2018.
- **The GP workforce** is also ageing and insufficient graduates have been choosing General Practice over recent years. Numbers of GP's has grown at only half the rate of other medical specialties and has not kept up with population growth. More GPs are also working part time.
- **Outcomes:** There are variations in the general practice services that patients currently receive that impact on their care. There are growing challenges in relation to patient experience of access to care.
- **Financial constraints:** The NHS funding gap of £30 billion by 2021/22. Primary care potentially has a key role in helping reduce this gap by providing more personalised, accessible community-based services for patients to reduce avoidable pressures on hospital resources.

# Wider primary care, delivered at scale

- General practice will likely need to operate **at greater scale and in greater collaboration** with other providers and professionals, and with patients, carers and local communities.
- At the same time general practice will also need to preserve and build on its traditional strengths of providing personal continuity of care and its strong links with local communities. We need to remember **90% of patient contacts are in Primary Care** local to where people live.
- GP Practice populations as units of planning for services in communities.
- This does not necessarily have to involve a change in organisational form. It can be achieved through practices coming together in networks, federations or super partnerships, or as part of a more integrated model of provision.
- Developing a modernised Primary Care aligns with CCG strategies for shift of services into the community and maintaining people at home.

- General practice, at its best, has been described as the jewel in the crown. But without change and without support it will not be fit for purpose or sustainable for the next decade.
  
- To support locally-led transformations in primary care, there is a focus at national level on seven main areas :
  - i. Empowering patients and the public
  - ii. Empowering clinicians
  - iii. Defining, measuring and publishing quality
  - iv. Joint commissioning
  - v. Supporting investment and redesigning incentives
  - vi. Managing the provider landscape
  - vii. Workforce, premises and IT

## Co-Commissioning Agenda

	NHS England	CCG	LA	Specialist Commissioning
CAMHS	✓	✓	✓	✓
Primary care (medical, dental, pharmacy, eye health)	✓	✓	✓	
Frailty	✓	✓	✓	
Practice Nurse and Community Nurse Development	✓	✓		
Strengthening the voice of the public in commissioning processes	✓	✓	✓	✓

## Co-Commissioning for Quality

	NHS England	CCG	LA	
Safeguarding Children & Adults	✓	✓	✓	
Sepsis	✓	✓	✓	
Tackling variation in Primary Care	✓	✓		
Learning from Significant Events in Primary Care	✓	✓		

# Local Primary Care Co-Commissioning Initiatives



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- Establishment of the Peninsular Primary Care Commissioning Oversight Group (PCOG) Membership: AT, CCGs, LMCs, PHE
- Successful Peninsula bid for the Prime Minister's Challenge Fund. (£3.5m to pilot innovative access to GP Services)
- Appointment of chairs for the Pharmacy, dental, eye health Local Professional Networks (LPNs)
- Implementation of each LPN and agreement of annual work plan



# Co-Commissioning Expression of Interest

- NHS England have recently announced that “Clinical Commissioning Groups will get new powers to improve local health services under a new commissioning initiative”
- That means giving local CCGs greater influence over the way NHS funding is being invested for their local populations
- Rather than specifying a one-size-fits all solution, NHS England are keen to hear from CCGs themselves about what next steps they would like to explore.
- CCGs must submit the Expression of Interest by the 20<sup>th</sup> June and take into account the views of stakeholders

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The Expressions of Interest should include information on the following areas:

- **At individual CCG or group of CCGs level?**
- **Intended benefits and realisation** e.g. fit with 5 year plan
- **Scope**, specific areas CCG want to take responsibility for
- **Nature of co-commissioning**, including proposed joint commissioning
- **Governance**, safeguards to manage conflicts of interest
- **Monitoring and evaluation**
- **Engaging Member Practices and Stakeholders**

*Further information on the areas identified above is contained in the attachment CCG Co-commissioning letter.*