



Commissioning Board
A special health authority

Commissioning fact sheet
for clinical commissioning groups

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This fact sheet sets out the services to be commissioned by clinical commissioning groups (CCGs) from April 2013. It also sets out the complementary services to be commissioned by the NHS Commissioning Board (NHS CB), local authorities and Public Health England (PHE). A number of previous documents have described commissioning responsibilities, but this fact sheet is intended to be a helpful summary, with further clarity on certain aspects. It is not a substitute for legislation or guidance or your own legal advice.

In general, you as CCGs will be responsible for commissioning health services to meet all the reasonable requirements of your patients, with the exception of:

- certain services commissioned directly by the NHS CB;
- health improvement services commissioned by local authorities; and
- health protection and promotion services provided by PHE.

You will play a key role in promoting integrated care and, as a member of your local health and wellbeing board(s), in assessing local needs and strategic priorities. This will mean working collaboratively with local authorities and the NHSCB. You may decide to pool budgets or have collaborative commissioning arrangements.

Your commissioning responsibilities (for the areas set out in part 1) will include:

- planning services, based on assessing the needs of your local population;
- securing services that meet those needs; and
- monitoring the quality of care provided.

In most cases, you will also be responsible for meeting the cost of the services provided. There will be some services that you commission for your geographic area (e.g. A&E services) where the costs for an individual patient may be charged to another CCG (i.e. in an area where the patient is registered or, if unregistered, where they live). There will be guidance on this in due course, which it is expected will follow the current 'responsible commissioner' arrangements.

Local authorities will take the lead for improving health and coordinating local efforts to protect the public's health and wellbeing. They will also provide advice and expertise on how to ensure that the health services you commission best improve population health and reduce health inequalities. For health improvement activities transferring to local authorities, such as smoking cessation, sexual health and drug/alcohol services, you may wish to agree joint commissioning arrangements. You should also consider how best to work with local authorities to ensure that health improvement activities are an integral part of the healthcare services that you commission.¹

¹ More detail on local authorities' commissioning responsibilities can be found at:
http://www.dh.gov.uk/prod_consum_dh/groups/dh_digitalassets/documents/digitalasset/dh_131901.pdf

A new executive agency, PHE, will take the lead for public health at a national level. It will deliver a number of national health services and support the development of the public health workforce. The NHS CB will also commission some public health services nationally as agreed with the Secretary of State.

This fact sheet includes information that is subject to secondary legislation. For example, the list of specialised and highly specialised services that the Board will be required to commission has not been finalised; the final list will be included in regulations, which are expected to be laid before Parliament in the Autumn.

1. Services to be commissioned by CCGs

Unless otherwise indicated (such as for urgent and emergency care), your commissioning responsibility will be for your local population. Your local population includes registered patients (some of whom may live in a different area) and unregistered patients usually resident in your area. It does not include members of the armed forces, nor their families if they are registered with Defence Medical Services (DMS) rather than a NHS GP practice, Nor does it include those detained in prison and other custodial settings.

Local authorities will provide public health advice to CCGs on the commissioning of these services.

CCG commissioning	Related NHS CB commissioning
<p>Urgent and emergency care (including 111, A&E and ambulance services) for anyone present in your geographic area</p> <p>Out-of-hours primary medical services (for everyone present in your area), except where this responsibility has been retained by practices under the GP contract</p>	<p>Urgent care provided under GP contracts</p> <p>Urgent dental care</p>
<p>Elective hospital care</p>	
<p>Community health services (such as rehabilitation services, speech and language therapy, continence services, wheelchair services, and home oxygen services, but not public health services such as health visiting and family nursing)</p>	<p>Specialised and highly specialised services</p> <p>Hospital and community dental services</p> <p>Public health services for children from pregnancy to aged 5 (Healthy Child Programme 0-5) including health visiting and family nursing partnership (commissioned on behalf of Secretary of State)</p>
<p>Other community-based services, including (where appropriate) services provided by GP practices that go beyond the scope of the GP contract</p>	<p>Antenatal and newborn screening aspects of maternity services</p>
<p>Rehabilitation services</p>	<p>Health services (excluding emergency care) and public health services for people in prisons and other custodial settings</p>
<p>Maternity and newborn services (excluding neonatal intensive care)</p>	<p>Health services (excluding emergency care services) for members of the armed forces and their families (those registered with DMS)</p>
<p>Children's healthcare services (mental and physical health)</p>	
<p>Services for people with learning disabilities</p>	
<p>Mental health services (including psychological therapies)</p>	<p>Mental health interventions provided under GP contract</p> <p>Some specialised mental health services</p> <p>Secure psychiatric services</p>
<p>NHS continuing healthcare</p>	<p>Operation of Independent Review Panels</p>

CCG commissioning	Related NHS CB commissioning
Infertility services	Infertility services for the armed forces and some infertility services for veterans in receipt of compensation under the Armed Forces Compensation Scheme on grounds of infertility

2. Services to be commissioned by the NHS CB

NHS CB commissioning	Related CCG commissioning
Essential and additional primary medical services through GP contract and nationally commissioned enhanced services Out-of-hours primary medical services (where practices have retained the responsibility for providing OOH services)	Out-of-hours primary medical services (where practices have opted out of providing OOH services under the GP contract) Community-based services that go beyond scope of GP contract (akin to current Local Enhanced Services) ²
Pharmaceutical services provided by community pharmacy services, dispensing doctors and appliance contractors	Meeting the costs of prescriptions written by member practices (but not the associated dispensing costs)
Primary ophthalmic services, NHS sight tests and optical vouchers	Any other community-based eye care services and secondary ophthalmic services
All dental services, including primary, community and hospital services and including urgent and emergency dental care	
Health services (excluding emergency care) and public health services for people in prisons and other custodial settings (adult prisons, young offender institutions, juvenile prisons, secure children's homes, secure training centres, immigration removal centres, police custody suites)	Emergency care, including 111, A&E and ambulance services, for prisoners and detainees present in your geographic area Health services for adults and young offenders serving community sentences and those on probation Health services for initial accommodation for asylum seekers
Health services for members of the armed forces and their families (those registered with DMS) Prosthetics services for veterans (Primary care for members of the armed forces will be commissioned by the Ministry of Defence)	Health services for veterans or reservists (when not mobilised), for whom normal commissioning responsibilities apply Emergency care, including A&E and ambulance services, for serving armed forces & families registered with DMS practices present in your geographic area
Specialised and highly specialised services	Related services along patient pathways

² Resources attached to current Local Enhanced Services (LES) (except for public health LES) are proposed to be included in CCG funding.

3. Public health services to be commissioned by the NHS CB

Public health services for children from pregnancy to age 5 (Healthy Child Programme 0-5), including health visiting, family nurse partnership, responsibility for Child Health Information Systems (Responsibility for children's public health 0-5 due to transfer to local authorities in 2015)
Immunisation programmes
National screening programmes
Public health care for people in prison and other places of detention
Sexual assault referral services

Further detail on the arrangements for commissioning these services will be confirmed in Autumn 2012.

4. Public health services to be provided or commissioned by local authorities

In addition to the functions set out below, local authorities will be responsible for providing population health advice, information and expertise to CCGs to support them in commissioning health services that improve population health and reduce inequalities.

Local authorities will also need to ensure plans are in place to protect the health of their population and will have a supporting role in infectious disease surveillance and control and in emergency preparedness and response.

	Local authority commissioning	Related CCG commissioning	Related NHS CB commissioning
Children's public health 5-19	Healthy Child Programme for school-age children, including school nursing	Treatment services for children, including child and adolescent mental health services (CAMHS)	Healthy Child programme (pregnancy to five years old), including health visiting and family nurse partnership Immunisation programmes
Sexual health	Contraception over and above GP contract Testing and treatment of sexually transmitted infections (excluding HIV treatment) Sexual health advice, prevention and promotion	Promotion of opportunistic testing and treatment Termination of pregnancy services (with consultation on longer-term arrangements) Sterilisation and vasectomy services	Contraceptive services commissioned through GP contract Sexual assault referral centres HIV treatment
Public mental health	Mental health promotion, mental illness prevention and suicide prevention	Treatment for mental ill health	Mental health interventions under GP contract Some specialised mental health services
Physical activity	Local programmes to address inactivity and other interventions to promote physical activity	Advice as part of other healthcare contacts	Brief interventions in primary care
Obesity programmes	Local programmes to prevent and address obesity, e.g. National Child Measurement Programme and weight management services	Advice as part of other healthcare contacts NHS treatment of overweight and obese patients	Brief interventions in primary care Some specialist morbid obesity services
Drug misuse	Drug misuse services, prevention and treatment	Advice as part of other healthcare contacts	Brief interventions in primary care

	Local authority commissioning	Related CCG commissioning	Related NHS CB commissioning
Alcohol misuse	Alcohol misuse services, prevention and treatment	Alcohol health workers in a variety of healthcare settings	Brief interventions in primary care
Tobacco control	Local activity, including stop smoking services, prevention activity, enforcement and communications	Brief interventions in secondary care and maternity care	Brief interventions in primary care
Nutrition	Any locally-led initiatives	Nutrition as part of treatment services, dietary advice in healthcare settings	Brief interventions in primary care
NHS Health Check Programme	Assessment and lifestyle interventions	NHS treatment following NHS Health Check assessments and ongoing risk management	Support in primary care for people with long term conditions identified through NHS Health Checks
Reducing and preventing birth defects	Population level interventions to reduce and prevent birth defects (with PHE)	Maternity services	Interventions in primary care such as pre-pregnancy counselling or smoking cessation programmes Some specialist genetic services Antenatal and newborn screening aspects of maternity services
Health at work	Any local initiatives on workplace health	NHS occupational health services	
Dental public health	Epidemiology, dental screening and oral health improvement, including water fluoridation (subject to consultation)		Oral health as part of dental contracts
Accidental injury prevention	Local initiatives such as falls prevention services		
Seasonal mortality	Local initiatives to reduce excess deaths		Flu and pneumococcal vaccination programmes

Some of the above services will be mandated for local authorities and the commissioning of other services will be discretionary. More information is available at: www.dh.gov.uk/prod_consum_dh/groups/dh_digitalassets/documents/digitalasset/dh_131901.pdf

5. Public health services to be provided or commissioned by PHE – and related NHS CB/CCG commissioning

	PHE	Related CCG commissioning	Related NHSCB commissioning
Prevention and early presentation	Health improvement support for local authorities and NHS CB Social marketing and behaviour change campaigns including campaigns to prompt early diagnosis via awareness of symptoms	Promoting early diagnosis as part of community health services and outpatient services	Promoting early diagnosis as part of primary care
Infectious disease	Current functions of the Health Protection Agency (HPA) in this area Public oversight of prevention and control, including co-ordination of outbreak management (with supporting role for local authorities)	Treatment of infectious disease Co-operation with PHE and local authorities on outbreak control and related activity	Co-operation with PHE and local authorities on outbreak control and related activity Some specialist infectious disease services
Emergency preparedness and response	Current functions of HPA Emergency preparedness including pandemic influenza preparedness (supported by local authorities)	Emergency planning and resilience remains part of the core business for the NHS	Mobilising the NHS in the event of an emergency
Health intelligence and information	Intelligence and information on health improvement and health protection (with local authorities), including many existing functions of Public Health Observatories, Cancer Registries, National Cancer Intelligence Network, HPA and National Treatment Agency for Substance Misuse's National Drug Treatment Monitoring System	NHS data collection and information reporting systems (for example, Secondary Uses Service)	NHS data collection and information reporting systems