

# Clinical Commissioning Groups

The purpose of this briefing is to:

- Provide an update on the position of emerging Clinical Commissioning Groups
- Provide a list of North West Clinical Commissioning Groups

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Dame Barbara Hakin, National Managing Director, Commissioning Development at the Dept of Health has recently written to the Directors of Commissioning Development at the Strategic Health Authorities clarifying two areas in the development of Clinical Commissioning Groups.

## **Delegation**

Clinical Commissioning Groups will not be able to take on full responsibility for commissioning health services until they have been established as a statutory body. However, in the meantime they will be able to take on some delegated responsibility for commissioning from the Primary Care Trust. This will be managed by setting up the emerging Clinical Commissioning Group as a sub-committee of a PCT Board. It is anticipated that CCG's will take on delegated responsibilities in an incremental way.

## **Legal Status**

### *Status of Shadow Clinical Commissioning Groups (CCGs)*

Although it is recognised that leading up to the establishment of CCGs the pathfinders or other groups of GP practices will increasingly commission services that have been delegated to them by PCTs; this will not give them the status of 'commissioning CCGs'. Until the Bill has passed through Parliament and the relevant provisions are in place and the CCG has applied successfully to the NHS Commissioning Board they cannot have that status.

In order for pathfinders or groups of GP Practices to exercise delegated PCT functions they must become committees for sub-committees of a PCT. This delegation is covered by existing NHS regulations

Some pathfinder groups are currently private corporate entities (e.g. Limited Liability Partnerships or Community Interest Companies), because they have grown out of Practice Based Commissioning groups that used these organisational forms. They cannot use these organisations to hold commissioning budgets or employ NHS commission staff. This does not however preclude the individuals from these organisations become members of a PCT committee which has delegated PCT functions

### *Clinical Commissioning Groups – post establishment of NHS Commissioning Board*

Subject to Parliamentary approval of the Health & Social Care Bill, the NHS Commissioning Board will be formally established as a non-departmental body between July and October 2012. Once the CCG has successfully applied to the NHS Commissioning Board it will be established as a statutory body and will probably take on fully commissioning responsibility from April 2013.

The CCG will then be a statutory corporate body, classified as an NHS body. It will have the same statutory status that a PCT or a Strategic Health Authority has now. It cannot be a private company or a private corporate entity of any kind. The constitution of a CCG will be determined in accordance with the provisions of the Health & Social Care Bill.

CCGs will be commissioning-only organisations and will not be able to provide health services. This would not preclude individual GP practices that are members of the

consortium grouping together (e.g. as a Community Interest Company) to provide certain services, provided those arrangements were entirely separate from those of the CCG.

To read the full letter and associated document 'Towards Authorisation' go to [https://www.wp.dh.gov.uk/healthandcare/files/2011/09/20110824-dear-colleagues-clarification-note\\_gateway16529.pdf](https://www.wp.dh.gov.uk/healthandcare/files/2011/09/20110824-dear-colleagues-clarification-note_gateway16529.pdf)

## North West Clinical Commissioning Groups

### Contact List – August 2011

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Oldham	<p>Commissioning for Oldham Group</p> <p><i>Geographical area:</i> Oldham</p> <p><i>Number of practices:</i> 50</p> <p><i>Population size:</i> 238,500</p>	Dr Ian Wilkinson	<a href="mailto:ianwilkinson@nhs.net">ianwilkinson@nhs.net</a>
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Stockport	<p>Stockport Managed Care</p> <p><i>Geographical area:</i> Stockport</p> <p><i>Number of practices:</i> 53</p> <p><i>Population size:</i> 298,234</p>	Nicola Baker (Chief Officer and Director of PBC) Claire Pimlott (PA to Chief Officer and Chair)	<a href="mailto:nicola.baker@nhsstockport.nhs.uk">nicola.baker@nhsstockport.nhs.uk</a> <a href="mailto:claire.pimlott@nhsstockport.nhs.uk">claire.pimlott@nhsstockport.nhs.uk</a>

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Chorley & South Ribble	<p>Chorley and South Ribble</p> <p><i>Geographical area:</i> Chorley  <i>Number of practices:</i> 36  <i>Population size:</i> 225,529</p>	Peter Tinson	<a href="mailto:peter.tinson@centrallancashire.nhs.uk">peter.tinson@centrallancashire.nhs.uk</a>

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