

A monthly bulletin to keep you up to date with developments in commissioning; produced by the North West Primary Care Librarians Group

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How to Achieve World Class Commissioning Competencies

As part of the World Class Commissioning Programme, PCTs will be undertaking the first round of the Assurance System in autumn 2008. They will be assessed against the

11 competencies for World Class Commissioning. The purpose of this guide is to offer 'tips' to help PCTs progress to achieving the competencies.

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http://www.dh.gov.uk/en/Publicationsandstatistics/Publications/PublicationsPolicyAndGuidance/DH_089015

Improving outcomes in children and young people with cancer

Letter containing the document Key messages for commissioners of cancer services for teenagers and young adults, developed by the National Cancer Action Team (with advice and support from an expert

working group) at the request of the Children and Young People Improving Outcomes Guidance (CYPIOG) Advisory Group to support the implementation of National Institute of Health and Clinical Excellence (NICE) guidance, Improving outcomes

for children and young people with cancer.

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http://www.dh.gov.uk/en/Publicationsandstatistics/Lettersandcirculars/Dearcolleagueletters/DH_087802

Commissioning Specialist Library

The pilot Commissioning Specialist Library went live on 15 September 2008. The library is free, and aims to be a one-stop shop providing timely and efficient access to high quality information resources for all those involved in commissioning for health and wellbeing. It endeavours to include the best available evidence, examples of good practice, policy and data to support world class commissioning.

<http://www.library.nhs.uk/commissioning/>

Commissioning cycle

The Information Centre have produced an interactive information map for every stage of the commissioning cycle. <http://www.ic.nhs.uk/commissioning>

Commissioning Safe and Sustainable Specialised Paediatric Services

This report provides a unique approach to the commissioning of specialised paediatric services. The results will be of particular interest to those involved in commissioning or delivering specialised paediatric services, but it has broader implications. It provides for the first time a clinically

agreed system for representing the nature of the relationships between specialised services. It sets out which services need to be delivered from the same location and which do not. This will be of real significance to anyone assessing the configuration of paediatric services and indeed any services that relate to them -

both wider children's services and services to adults.

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http://www.dh.gov.uk/en/Publicationsandstatistics/Publications/PublicationsPolicyAndGuidance/DH_088068

Review of urgent and emergency care services

The review looked at urgent and emergency care from the point that the need for care is identified up to the point that this need is resolved, for example, through treatment, reassurance, or admission to hospital. It also looked at what measures were in place for follow-up care once the need for urgent care had been met (for example, arranging for a falls assessment for an older person who has fallen at home).

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<http://www.healthcarecommission.org.uk/serviceproviderinformation/reviewsandstudies/servicereviews/ahpmethodology/urgentcare.cfm>

Payment by Results for Kidney Dialysis Project Group

This interim report has been produced by the renal PbR project group which has been working on the development of tariffs for renal dialysis. Guidance has been developed to inform the 2008/09 reference cost exercise and the aim is to develop a mandatory tariff for dialysis for 2010/11.

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http://www.dh.gov.uk/en/Publicationsandstatistics/Publications/PublicationsPolicyAndGuidance/DH_087652

NHS spending

Primary care trusts (PCTs) spend around 75 per cent of the NHS budget in England. How do they decide on their spending priorities?

Published September 2008, 8 pages

http://www.kingsfund.org.uk/publications/kings_fund_publications/nhs_spending.html

NTA launches new guidance for Tier 4 commissioning

The National Treatment Agency for Substance Misuse (NTA) has published guidance to help local commissioners and service providers plan for and purchase effective drug treatment services in the Tier 4 – residential treatment – sector.

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http://www.nta.nhs.uk/areas/tier_4/docs/nta_improving_the_quality_and_provision_of_tier_4_drug_treatment_interventions_2008.pdf

Transforming services for children with hearing difficulty and their families: a good practice guide

Further to the publication of 'Improving Access to Audiology Services in England' in March 2007, this document provides good practice and evidence to help commissioners and service providers to make changes to the way that paediatric hearing services are delivered, and in particular to reduce waits for patients with the most common hearing difficulties.

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http://www.dh.gov.uk/en/Publicationsandstatistics/Publications/PublicationsPolicyAndGuidance/DH_088106

Other documents and conferences

World Class Commissioning Programme - August update

http://www.dh.gov.uk/en/Publicationsandstatistics/Lettersandcirculars/Dearcolleagueletters/DH_087790

Local 18 Week patient experience surveys

http://www.dh.gov.uk/en/Publicationsandstatistics/Lettersandcirculars/Dearcolleagueletters/DH_087803

Health and Care Services for Older People: Overview report on research to support the National Service Framework for Older People

http://www.dh.gov.uk/en/Publicationsandstatistics/Publications/DH_088848

Seven Ways to No Delays

<http://www.nodelaysachiever.nhs.uk/NR/rdonlyres/B9D80BA9-C954-4988-A12E-58A55E82A694/0/SevenWaysPrintFriendlyVersion.pdf>

Making a bigger difference; A guide for NHS front-line staff and leaders on assessing and stimulating service innovation

http://www.institute.nhs.uk/index.php?option=com_joomcart&Itemid=194&main_page=document_product_info&products_id=427&Joomcartid=35gkhmp2aes3iakb9v6tpgeui4