

*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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## Practice-based commissioning in action: a guide for GPs

Practice-based commissioning offers front-line clinicians the opportunity to play a major role in the development and delivery of strategies and activities that improve local health and well-being. However, many GPs don't know how to get started, to make their ideas for change

a reality. This Department for Health Guide provides easy to follow advice, practical examples and details of where to find further support. Although primarily designed for those just starting out with PBC, it also contains information and useful tips of interest to those

that have already made progress but are looking to expand their activity further. **Published June 2009, 28 pages**

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## Patient and public engagement – the early impact of World Class Commissioning

Primary care trusts have reported significant changes in the last two years to the way they organise patient and public engagement in commissioning, amounting to the beginnings of a cultural shift, the Picker Institute says today.

However, the change in culture may, at this point, be mainly within the PCTs' own management, rather than something that has impacted on the public or changed the nature of services. The public have yet to have a strong influence on the content of

most patient and public engagement (PPE) strategies. **Published June 2009, 38 pages**

[http://www.pickereurope.org/Filestore/PIE\\_reports/project\\_reports/PCT\\_Commissioning\\_Survey\\_2009\\_FINAL\\_TO\\_LYNX\\_with\\_cover.pdf](http://www.pickereurope.org/Filestore/PIE_reports/project_reports/PCT_Commissioning_Survey_2009_FINAL_TO_LYNX_with_cover.pdf)

## Commissioning in a cold climate

The World Class Commissioning programme is designed to improve the capacity and capability of primary care trusts (PCTs) to deliver better care, better health and better value for the populations they serve.

This discussion paper outlines the challenges facing commissioners over the next few years and identifies actions that PCTs might take to prepare their health economies for what is to come.

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<http://www.nhsconfed.org/Publications/briefings/Pages/Commissioning-in-a-cold-climate.aspx>

## Organisational Health

Organisational and system health; a new perspective on performance improvement? A new report from NHS Institute and Matrix Insight gives an accessible introduction to concepts of organisational health, details of case studies and a summary of implications for the NHS.

**Published 2009, 33 pages**

[http://www.institute.nhs.uk/quality\\_and\\_value/introduction/organisational\\_health%3a\\_a\\_new\\_perspective\\_on\\_performance\\_improvement%3f.html](http://www.institute.nhs.uk/quality_and_value/introduction/organisational_health%3a_a_new_perspective_on_performance_improvement%3f.html)

## WCC support and development website soon

This new website has been set up for the support and development of world-class commissioning. The site, which is hosted by NHS Networks and supported by the Department of Health, contains news, policy, guidance and other resources for commissioners against each of the 11 competencies.

<http://wcc.networks.nhs.uk/>

## The Framework for procuring External Support for Commissioners

FESC is a practical and cost effective procurement tool, created by the Department of Health, to help primary care trusts (PCTs) address gaps in commissioning capability or capacity by providing easy access to high quality commissioning solutions from pre-qualified and experienced private sector partners. This brochure sets out what FESC is, why you should consider using it and how to do so.

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[http://www.dh.gov.uk/en/Publicationsandstatistics/Publications/PublicationsPolicyAndGuidance/DH\\_100699](http://www.dh.gov.uk/en/Publicationsandstatistics/Publications/PublicationsPolicyAndGuidance/DH_100699)

## Transforming community services: ambition, action, achievement

These Department of Health best practice guides have a vital role to play in the delivery of the intentions for High Quality Care for All: the Next Stage Review. They set out ambitions, taking action and measurement of the achievement and link with, should be read in conjunction with the quality framework/quality indicators.

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## Regulated fertility services: a commissioning aid

An Expert Group on Commissioning NHS Infertility Provision was established by the Department of Health at the beginning of 2008, with the aim of identifying the barriers to the implementation of the NICE fertility guideline and helping PCTs move towards the implementation of the guideline. 'Regulated fertility treatment: a commissioning aid' was produced by the expert group, and launched by Gillian Merron, Minister of state for Public Health.

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[http://www.dh.gov.uk/en/Publicationsandstatistics/Publications/PublicationsPolicyAndGuidance/DH\\_101070](http://www.dh.gov.uk/en/Publicationsandstatistics/Publications/PublicationsPolicyAndGuidance/DH_101070)

## Joint commissioning framework for dementia

The National Dementia Strategy joint commissioning framework provides best practice guidance for commissioning dementia services. It includes a Joint Strategic Needs Assessment template, summary of NICE and SCIE evidence for dementia services, commissioning levers against each of the strategy's objectives and a summary of South East Coastal SHA dementia metrics.

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[http://www.dh.gov.uk/en/Publicationsandstatistics/Publications/PublicationsPolicyAndGuidance/DH\\_100835](http://www.dh.gov.uk/en/Publicationsandstatistics/Publications/PublicationsPolicyAndGuidance/DH_100835)

## Other documents and conferences

**WCC Data Packs coming soon**

<http://www.ic.nhs.uk/news-and-events/news/world-class-commissioning-data-packs-coming-soon>

**Reviews published on primary care information for the public**

<http://www.hsmc.bham.ac.uk/news/news/2009/5/information-for-the-public.shtml>

**Tackling health inequalities: targeting routine and manual smokers in support of the Public Service Agreement smoking prevalence and health inequality targets**

[http://www.dh.gov.uk/en/Publicationsandstatistics/Publications/PublicationsPolicyAndGuidance/DH\\_101224](http://www.dh.gov.uk/en/Publicationsandstatistics/Publications/PublicationsPolicyAndGuidance/DH_101224)

**Review of NHS dental services in England**

[http://www.dh.gov.uk/en/Publicationsandstatistics/Publications/PublicationsPolicyAndGuidance/DH\\_101137](http://www.dh.gov.uk/en/Publicationsandstatistics/Publications/PublicationsPolicyAndGuidance/DH_101137)

**Recognising complexity: commissioning guidance for personality disorder services**

[http://www.dh.gov.uk/en/Publicationsandstatistics/Publications/PublicationsPolicyAndGuidance/DH\\_101788](http://www.dh.gov.uk/en/Publicationsandstatistics/Publications/PublicationsPolicyAndGuidance/DH_101788)