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Transforming community services: currency and pricing options for community services

This DH document is intended as a resource to be used by commissioners and providers of community services to help create transparent models of funding, through the use of new currencies and better pricing at a local level. New currencies (the units of healthcare for which a

provider is funded) and better pricing are key to transforming community services, enabling commissioners to incentivise improvements in quality and value. The use of new currencies with accurate pricing should also lead to more services being available closer to home for patients.

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Commissioning Excellence: Issue 1

The aim of this Primary Care Contracting Bulletin is to provide thought-provoking articles and insights into the business of primary care with particular emphasis on commissioning. The wider mission is to continue to support you in

developing world class commissioning capability in line with the vision of primary care set out in the Next Stage Review.

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IMHA Guidance for Commissioners

The Independent Mental Health Advocate (IMHA) service commissioning guide has been prepared for the introduction of IMHA services on 1 April 2009. The guide outlines the statutory IMHA role, discusses good practice for IMHA services and outlines the commissioning process required to ensure high quality IMHA services are provided for qualifying patients under the Mental

Health Act 1983. The key to provision of IMHA services is effective commissioning. This guidance is designed to support commissioners in preparing for this new statutory service by providing a reference document to the legal and practical issues to be considered when commissioning IMHA services. This document addresses equality issues throughout.

They form an important consideration for those commissioning, delivering and receiving IMHA services.

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<http://www.mhact.csip.org.uk/silo/files/imha-guidance-for-commissioners.pdf>

The NHS in England: The operating framework for 2009/10

The operating framework sets out a brief overview of the priorities for the NHS next year. It is accompanied by annexes (some part of the document, some web-based only) which provide more detail on the priorities, how they are measured and how the new arrangements for managing the system will work.

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http://www.dh.gov.uk/en/Publicationsandstatistics/Publications/PublicationsPolicyAndGuidance/DH_091445

The standard NHS contracts for acute hospital, mental health, community and ambulance services and supporting guidance: These documents represent Annex D to the NHS Operating Framework for 2009-10

http://www.dh.gov.uk/en/Publicationsandstatistics/Publications/PublicationsPolicyAndGuidance/DH_091451

Clarifying joint financing arrangements : A briefing paper for health bodies and local authorities

A briefing that demystifies pooled funds and Section 75 of the NHS Act 2006 and reviews the current range of joint financing arrangements between NHS bodies and local authorities across health and social care. It is the first in a series of publications relating to a national study which is due to be published in spring 2009.

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<http://www.audit-commission.gov.uk/reports/NATIONAL-REPORT.asp?CategoryID=ENGLISH%5e574&ProdID=A7A89F5F-9D04-4f92-B3B5-196731FA63A6>

NHS Next Stage Review: what it means for the Third Sector

Summary of the Next Stage Review and how the third sector can be involved in local planning and service delivery.

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Improvement science meets community development: approaching health inequalities through community engagement

The Improvement Foundation's Healthy Communities Collaborative (HCC) model combines community development and quality improvement, lay knowledge and professional support in an innovative community-led approach which is specifically aimed at reducing health inequalities. This paper describes the key characteristics of the model and uses an outcomes framework to discuss indicative results from an HCC initiative to promote the earlier identification of people at risk of cardiovascular disease implemented in nine spearhead local authorities.

Journal of Integrated Care (2008) 16(6):26-36

<http://www.improvementfoundation.org/resource/dl/325>

Putting prevention first: vascular checks, risk assessment and management; impact assessment

Vascular diseases include heart disease, strokes, diabetes and kidney disease. A universal risk assessment and management programme could significantly increase uptake of the preventative interventions, and offers a real opportunity to reduce health inequalities.

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http://www.dh.gov.uk/en/Publicationsandstatistics/Legislation/Regulatoryimpactassessment/DH_091697

Other documents and conferences

North West Health and Social Care Commissioners Conferences and Workshops: 2009 details

<http://www.northwestroadmap.org.uk/index.php?pageNo=507>