

# General Practitioner Commissioning Consortia

Clinical Commissioning – the picture  
today

## Background

- Funding Holding, Total Purchasing, Primary Care Groups (PCGs), Strategic Health Authorities (SHA), Primary Care Trusts (PCTs).....
- The White Paper - Equity and excellence: Liberating the NHS (12<sup>th</sup> July 2010) focuses on improving quality outcomes for patients, delivery of £20billion efficiency savings through Quality, Innovation, Productivity and Prevention (QIPP) and patient experience
- The Health and Social Care Bill released this year led to a further 'Listening' exercise due to high number of concerns from the Health Select Committee review. relating to clinical leadership, competition and conflict of interest. This is now completed and will have some impact on the proposed commissioning arrangements

## Planned Structural Change

- Strategic Health Authorities who remain accountable both for delivery of care and transition will cease as statutory organisations in July 2012.
- NHS National Commissioning Board (NHSNCB) held to account by Secretary of State will become a statutory body from July 2012 and will directly commission some services as well as hold GPCCs to account for local commissioning of services through NHS Outcomes Framework.
- Primary Care Trusts who are responsible for commissioning local services will cease as statutory organisations as of 31<sup>st</sup> March 2013.
- GP Commissioning consortia (GPCC) will be established at NHS Statutory organisations from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2013. All General Practices will have to be part of a GPCC otherwise they will not be able to hold a practice list.
- Health & Wellbeing Boards (H&WBB) to be establish to bring together Joint Strategic Needs Assessment and hold GPCC to account for strategic commissioning

## So what does this mean for GPCC in Surrey?

- Surrey PCT has a total commissioning budget of £1.6b. A majority of this budget will be transferred to GPCC from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2013
- In Surrey we have 136 General Practices serving a registered population of 1.1m
- 129 of those practices are in one of the 10 emerging GPCC's covering Surrey, ranging from registered population list sizes of 49k to 210k. The remaining 7 are unaffiliated at the moment
- 2 of the 10 GPCC are commencing the process to 'authorisation' readiness by the SHA.
- Part of the national authorisation process is for GPCC to provide a robust 'commissioning delivery plan' which will test their capability and capacity, particularly understanding of the demand and supply side of the market.
- GPCC are required to support the delivery of NHS Surrey's Integrated 'One Plan' which focus on the local delivery of QIPP. This will focus on local and Surrey wide strategies, particularly joined up commissioning solution for frail elderly.

## What does this currently mean for the 'care market'

- The financial climate across the private sector is challenging. Whatever we do, we need to do it once (integrated) and better (improved outcomes) for our patients/clients
- GPCC will have to consult on and agree a 'Commissioning Delivery Plan' to the NHSCB that outlines both their demand and supply side strategies. These will be emerging over the next 18 months and will cover joint commissioning of care services.
- NHS procurement is conducted independently to social services through 'supply to health' which reduces the visibility to new market entrants and can lead to anti competitive behaviour and conflicts of interest. NHS procurement policy is changing from 'Any Willing Provider' to 'Any Qualified Provider' to support new entrants to the market.
- The emerging H&WBB working closely with GPCC, through the JSNA, should improve the opportunities for joint commissioning, specifically areas of care homes, supported living etc. Health and Social Care providers may wish to review their marketing strategy in light of emerging changes.
- Getting your voice heard i.e. future stakeholder events to improve commissioner/provider dialogue, developing strategies through the emerging Local Transformation Board across Surrey, influence national and local policies through consultation.