

Parish Council Liaison Meeting February 22nd 2012

Clinical commissioning

Purpose:

This item is being brought to the parish council liaison meeting to present information on the progress to date towards clinical commissioning in Bath and North East Somerset and the aims of B&NES Clinical Commissioning Group. A presentation will be provided at the meeting and there will be opportunity for discussion.

Context:

The way health and care services in Bath and North East Somerset are planned and delivered, a process called commissioning, is being reformed. Local clinicians, principally GPs, are bringing their clinical expertise, patient understanding and knowledge of primary, secondary and tertiary care to lead and shape how our services are commissioned in the future.

In B&NES these plans are well developed and strong foundations are in place ready for full transition in April 2013 when commissioning responsibilities will transfer from the primary care trust to our clinical commissioning group (CCG).

In September 2010 a meeting of 150 local GPs and practice managers representing 28 practices across B&NES was held. From that, a single group was established to represent the whole of B&NES. Elections were held to determine and constitute the leadership group (CCG). The group comprised six GPs and a practice manager.

The CCG is now going through a vetting process ahead of full authorisation and transition in April next year. Throughout this period the CCG has been and will continue to work closely with senior and experienced NHS managers, the council, providers of care and the public as well as a range of other partners.

In preparing for this transition and by establishing strong clinical leadership locally, the CCG is creating a strong foundation to ensure the local population of B&NES continues to benefit from high quality services.

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