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## Delivering care closer to home: meeting the challenge

The document is a resource for commissioners and others interested in shifting care closer to home. It aims to share local emerging practice, how national enablers can

support shifting care, and highlights new products developed to support local commissioners and providers.

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[http://www.dh.gov.uk/en/Publicationsandstatistics/Publications/PublicationsPolicyAndGuidance/DH\\_086052](http://www.dh.gov.uk/en/Publicationsandstatistics/Publications/PublicationsPolicyAndGuidance/DH_086052)

## Providing Care for Patients with Urological Conditions: Guidance and Resources for Commissioners

Developed by the Care Closer to Home Urology sub-group, this resource aims to provide guidance and information for commissioners to consider and use when commissioning services for people with

urological conditions, in the community. It is also intended to provide information for clinicians and others who are exploring providing urology services in the community.

Published July 2008, 30 pages.  
<http://www.primarycarecontracting.nhs.uk/uploads/urologyguideforcommissioners.pdf>

## Strategy development and implementation: A literature review - ways of thinking about strategy for Primary Care Trust top teams to deliver world class commissioning

Although all of the world class competencies have a strategic dimension, two are perhaps most directly focused on strategy: Competency 1: 'Are recognised as the local leader of the NHS' and Competency 6: 'Prioritise investment according to local

needs, service requirements and the values of the NHS'. This review of the published literature on strategy is intended to provide an overview of the main approaches to developing strategy, how these can be applied in practice, and how

the resulting strategy can be best implemented.  
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[http://www.institute.nhs.uk/index.php?option=com\\_joomcart&Itemid=194&main\\_page=document\\_product\\_info&products\\_id=402&Joomcartid=s6rbbg4packr83i6uqu3lfr9e2](http://www.institute.nhs.uk/index.php?option=com_joomcart&Itemid=194&main_page=document_product_info&products_id=402&Joomcartid=s6rbbg4packr83i6uqu3lfr9e2)

## National survey of local health services 2008

This is the fifth survey of peoples' experiences of local health services to be carried out since 2003. More than 69,000 people took part in the 2008 survey, which is a response rate of 40%. The results of the survey offer a valuable insight into peoples' experiences of local health

services, such as GP practices and health centres and accessing dentistry. The results should be used by Primary Care Trusts (PCTs) to improve the services that they provide to their local population.

<http://www.healthcarecommission.org.uk/healthcareproviders/nationalfindings/surveys/patientsandthepublic/patientsurveyresults/primary/nationalsurveyoflocalhealthservices2008.cfm>

## Commissioning a Community COPD Service: Lessons for the NHS Based on a case study in Somerset PCT

This case study is written for clinicians, service managers and commissioners to illustrate the complexities in commissioning and procuring a new service for people with long term conditions if existing services do not address patients' needs. It is accompanied by a set of suggested "dos and don'ts" on the last page.

Published June, 2008, 13 pages <http://www.impressresp.com/Portals/0/IMPRESS/CommissioningCOPDservicefv.pdf>

## Practice based commissioning: case studies

These case studies, from the Department for Health, contain examples of areas in which practice based commissioning is already happening. Practices have been able to receive an indicative budget since April 2005. In some areas, forms of practice based commissioning precede this date.

[http://www.dh.gov.uk/en/Managingyourorganisation/Commissioning/Practice-basedcommissioning/DH\\_4127151](http://www.dh.gov.uk/en/Managingyourorganisation/Commissioning/Practice-basedcommissioning/DH_4127151)

### The future of commissioning

This supplement contains five articles on various aspects of commissioning. The topics covered are: patient and public engagement; quality assurance; practice based commissioning and joint working.

**Health Service Journal** 2008; 118 (6110): 1-9

### Delivery for Commissioners User Guide

A guide designed to help you when you are tasked with the responsibility for leading a project team from project start-up through to successful project delivery. Project Delivery for Commissioners User Guide provides detailed end-to-end guidance for working through the process of setting up and delivering a service change project, as well as for using the extensive range of supporting tools and techniques available from the NHS Institute website. It also provides detail on who should be involved at various points in the process, explains the activities that will need to take place and highlights examples from the health communities who helped design the approach. **Published July 2008**

[http://www.institute.nhs.uk/index.php?option=com\\_joomcart&Itemid=194&main\\_page=document\\_product\\_info&products\\_id=400&Joomcartid=s6rbbg4packr83i6uqu3lfr9e2](http://www.institute.nhs.uk/index.php?option=com_joomcart&Itemid=194&main_page=document_product_info&products_id=400&Joomcartid=s6rbbg4packr83i6uqu3lfr9e2)

## PCTs can now choose to adopt the NHS prefix before their place name

The Secretary of State's speech to the NHS Confederation conference on 18 June 2008 and the Next Stage Review report published on 30 June 2008, signaled that PCTs have the freedom to re-name to NHS Local. This means that they can choose to adopt the NHS prefix before their place name, so for example, Blackpool PCT would become known as NHS Blackpool. This will allow PCTs to position themselves as the local leader of the NHS and front-line commissioners of patient care. It is integral to the objectives of World Class Commissioning and in particular, competency 1, that PCTs should be recognised as the local leader of the

NHS. [http://www.dh.gov.uk/en/Publicationsandstatistics/Publications/PublicationsPolicyAndGuidance/DH\\_086472](http://www.dh.gov.uk/en/Publicationsandstatistics/Publications/PublicationsPolicyAndGuidance/DH_086472)

## Providing Care for Patients with Skin Conditions: Guidance and Resources for Commissioning

This new resource published by NHS PCC and developed by the Dermatology Care Closer to Home Group is for commissioners to consider and use when commissioning services for people with skin conditions in the local health community.

Published July 2008, 34 pages <http://www.primarycarecontracting.nhs.uk/uploads/dermatologyguidance.pdf>

## Other documents and conferences

### Innovation workshops available to support world class commissioning

[http://www.dh.gov.uk/en/Managingyourorganisation/Commissioning/Worldclasscommissioning/DH\\_083194](http://www.dh.gov.uk/en/Managingyourorganisation/Commissioning/Worldclasscommissioning/DH_083194)

To register your interest in attending a workshop, please contact: [gina.shakespeare@dh.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:gina.shakespeare@dh.gsi.gov.uk)

### Development of new NHS contracts

[http://www.dh.gov.uk/en/Managingyourorganisation/Commissioning/Systemmanagement/DH\\_085048#\\_1contexts](http://www.dh.gov.uk/en/Managingyourorganisation/Commissioning/Systemmanagement/DH_085048#_1contexts).

**National Cancer Intelligence Network: Cancer e-Atlas** <http://www.ncin.org.uk/eatlas/>

**Will practice-based commissioning in the English NHS resolve the problems experienced by GP fundholding?**

Public Money and Management 2008; 28 (4): 231-238

**The role of specialist physicians in the commissioning of clinical services** Clinical Medicine 2008; 8 (3): 248-249