

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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Improving access to child and adolescent mental health services

This joint DH/DCSF guide states how the 18 weeks referral to treatment standard, (NHS Operating Framework for 2009/10) applies to non-emergency consultant-led CAMHS services and

pathways. This guide does not set any new standards or targets. It shows how accessible low-wait CAMHS can be achieved and provides good practice examples.

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http://www.dh.gov.uk/en/Publicationsandstatistics/Publications/PublicationsPolicyAndGuidance/DH_103651

WCC summer update - July/August 2009

This letter from Gary Belfield gives a progress report on the world class commissioning (WCC) programme for July and August. It includes updates on the launch of assurance year two, the PBC

National Clinical Network, a new film showcasing PBC in action, some new support and development resources and an update on the programme of Integrated Care Pilots (ICP).

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http://www.dh.gov.uk/prod_consum_dh/groups/dh_digitalassets/documents/digitalasset/dh_104425.pdf

Health Inequalities Intervention Tools

To support Primary Care Trusts and local authorities, the Association of Public Health Observatories and Department of Health have developed the Health

Inequalities Intervention Tools. These tools are designed to support evidence-based local service planning and commissioning,

including Joint Strategic Needs Assessments.

http://www.lho.org.uk/LHO_Topics/Analytic_Tools/HealthInequalitiesTool.aspx

How to use NICE guidance to commission high-quality service: consultation

Following two stakeholder workshops held earlier this year, NICE has developed a "How to" guide on how NICE guidance can be used to support the commissioning of high-quality care and

services. This guide is due to be launched at the NICE conference in December 2009. NICE are inviting you to comment on this guidance.

<http://www.nice.org.uk/usingguidance/implementationtools/howtoguide/consultationtocommissionhighqualityservices.jsp>

Prevention package for older people resources

This suite of downloadable prevention package resources, from the DH, is designed to support PCTs, SHAs and Local Authorities in prioritising and effectively commissioning services that support the health, well-being and independence of older people.

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Commissioning for carers

The guide was funded by the Department of Health and serves as blueprint for better commissioning for carers. Accompanying the main guide is a shorter action guide for decision-makers. This is aimed at directors of adult services, chief executives of primary care trusts (PCT) and elected members. Key recommendations in the guides include: think 'carer' in all commissioning and joint strategic needs assessments (JSNA); improve outcomes, independence and choices for both carers and those they care for; involve carers of all groups and communities in decision-making and planning processes; strengthen the carer support provider market, using a variety of funding approaches.

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<http://www.idea.gov.uk/idk/core/page.do?pagelid=13255730>

Transfer of Learning Disability Social Care Funding and Commissioning from the NHS to local Government

Since 1 April 2009, funding and commissioning responsibility of social care for adults with learning disabilities transferred from the NHS to local authorities. Further guidance on capital transfers and other financial and practical issues is provided.

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http://www.dh.gov.uk/en/Publicationsandstatistics/Publications/DH_104588

Aiming high for disabled children: delivering improved health services

Providing effective health services for disabled children will improve outcomes for them and their families, ensure the child receives the best quality of care and provide better value for money. This report examines best practice around the country. It draws on examples of services for disabled children that meet users' needs, respond to the government agenda and are effective from both a quality and a cost point of view.

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<http://www.nhsconfed.org/Publications/Pages/Aiming-high.aspx>

Other documents and conferences

Conference: World Class Mental Health Commissioning 2009, Making an impact?

<http://www.healthcare-events.co.uk/conf/booking.php?action=home&id=293>

Conference: Primary Care Commissioning for Offenders

<http://www.pcc.nhs.uk/events/all/1503>

Services for people with rheumatoid arthritis

http://www.nao.org.uk/publications/0809/services_for_people_with_rheum.aspx