



Mid and South Es
Health and Care
Partnership



Thurrock
Clinical Commissioning Group



Basildon and Brentwood
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Fully Delegated Primary Care Commissioning

Patient, Public and Stakeholder Summary Guide

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What is delegated Primary Care commissioning?

- Delegated commissioning is day to day oversight of GP practices by the CCG instead of NHS England
- This means increased local control in making decisions on
 - The planning of GP services
 - The strategic direction of primary care services
 - Setting priorities for local GP services
 - Commissioning additional services from primary care
 - The use of primary care budgets use to commission services for the population we serve



What are we seeking to change?

CCG	Non Delegated	Joint Commissioner	Fully Delegated
Basildon and Brentwood CCG	Current status		Intention
Castle Point and Rochford CCG			Current status (no change intended)
Mid Essex CCG		Current status	Intention
Southend CCG			Current status (no change intended)
Thurrock CCG	Current status		Intention

- Currently, Castle Point & Rochford and Southend CCGs are fully delegated.
- We are applying to achieve the same status for Basildon & Brentwood, Mid Essex and Thurrock CCGs with effect from 1st April 2021



Why do we want to move to fully delegated commissioning?

- The importance of primary care in the health and wellbeing of our population:
 - For the majority of our population, it is the only part of the NHS whose care you are continuously under
 - In the main, it is the point of entry into other parts of the health system
 - It is a cradle to grave service
 - Primary care plays an important role in population wellbeing through screening and immunisation programmes, early identification of conditions, understanding familial history and personal situations, safeguarding and beyond
 - When we have engaged with the population on a variety of related and unrelated issues, we consistently receive feedback that access to primary care services is the most important health issue



Why do we want to move to fully delegated commissioning?

- Delegated commissioning will allow the CCGs to have more influence over the provision of general practice services.
- Offering a number of advantages, including:
 - more integrated and joined up views for primary care services
 - Greater involvement of patients in shaping and improving services
 - Improved relationships with member practices “no decisions about us - without us”
 - Work with practices to improve resilience and sustainability
 - To support the improvement of quality across primary care services
 - Greater local ownership of the development of services
 - Increased clinical leadership, supporting enhanced participation and local decision making

What risks does delegation present?

- Taking on the responsibility for the commissioning of primary care services could potentially require more management capacity than would be assigned from NHS England to support the CCGs. In part we will mitigate this through collaborative arrangements across the CCG developing local expertise in areas such as finance and quality that can then be tapped into by all CCGs
- There is a risk that taking on the formal contractual responsibilities for primary care could distract from the CCG's development agenda. To mitigate this, we are putting in place a Joint Executive Team structure that seeks to differentiate (where practical) between those contractual responsibilities that are more associated with delegation from those that are focussed on development/transformation
- There is a risk that CCG resources will be required to cover any financial shortfalls in primary care budgets (or vice versa). Across Mid and South Essex, there is currently a budget surplus in primary care budgets. There is also a commitment from Boards to protect primary care funding for investment in primary care services

Process and Timescales

- The CCGs will have to each apply to NHS England setting out how we will effectively deliver the functions associated with delegated commissioning
- A panel from NHS England will review this application and if we are successful, work with us to implement the new arrangement.
- Formal application to NHS England submission date - 6 November 2020
- Confirmation of outcome to CCGs - 27 November 2020
- Commencement of fully delegated commissioning – 1 April 2021



Thoughts?

- Do you support the CCG's application?
- What changes would you like to see when the CCG is responsible for the day to day management of GP services?