

**GATESHEAD PCT : PUBLIC HEALTH DIRECTORATE
BUSINESS CASE ASSESSMENT CRITERIA**

What is the main rationale for the business case (circle one)	Population health benefits / risks New national policy / guidance Service pressures Other – please state
Does the information about the current service provision define the population served? (circle one)	Yes No Other – please state
Does the information about current service provision describe the population served (circle as many as apply):	No Yes in terms of - Demography Yes in terms of - Health risks Yes in terms of - Trends in risk / demography Other - please state
Is there information about current service provision (circle as many as apply)	No Yes in terms of - Scope Yes in terms of - Activity Yes in terms of - Quality other - please state
Does the business case set out the requirements of a new service in terms of health needs?(circle as many as apply)	No Yes in terms of comparative need Yes in terms of normative need Yes in terms of felt / expressed need Yes in terms of epidemiological need (effectiveness) Other - please state
Is there information about the strengths of the current service in terms of needs based requirements? (circle one)	Yes No Other – please state
Is there information about weaknesses of the current service in terms of needs based requirements? (circle one)	Yes No Other - please state
For each of the proposed service developments in the option appraisal, are the health benefits / risks described?	Yes No Other – please state

**Incorporating HNA in a business case
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<p>What are the health (care) needs / benefits which will be addressed by this business case?</p>	
<p>What is the population(s) affected by these changes (defined and described in terms of demography (age, gender, place of residence), health risks (diseases, risk factors) and relevant trends (is this group of people likely to increase / decrease over time)</p>	
<p>What are the requirements of the service development if it is to meet the health (care) needs of the population (with an indication of how biased the needs assessment might be)?</p>	
<p>What are the strengths and limitations of the current service in terms of health (care) needs?</p>	

OPTION APPRAISAL

Option	Strengths in terms of health (care) needs	Weaknesses in terms of health (care) needs
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**Incorporating HNA in a business case
(worked examples)**

<p>What are the health (care) needs / benefits which will be addressed by this business case?</p>	<p>Example:</p> <p>New NICE guidance requires Xxxxxx. Implementing this guidance will lead to the following health benefits for Gateshead residents</p> <p>Example</p> <p>Government circular Xxxxxx requires changes to Y services. These changes will mean that Gateshead residents benefit from improved health care which will ensure that they</p>
<p>What is the population(s) affected by these changes (defined and described in terms of demography (age, gender, place of residence), health risks (diseases, risk factors) and relevant trends (is this group of people likely to increase / decrease over time)</p>	<p>Example</p> <p>Currently X services are provided for adults / children aged x-x suffering from..... Access is open and does not require a GP referral. e numbers in this group of clients are likely to remain constant over time and so there is unlikely to be any requirement to alter the quantity of service provision.</p> <p>Example</p> <p>Currently these services are provided for anyone regardless of age, sex gender or need and it is therefore impossible to predict whether demand will increase or decrease. Access is determined by GP referral therefore their working practices could increase or decrease future levels of demand.</p>
<p>What are the requirements of the service development if it is to meet the health (care) needs of the population (with an indication of how biased the needs assessment might be)?</p>	<p>Example</p> <p>With reference to this population and their need for xxxxxxxxxx, the PCT has assessed felt / normative / comparative / epidemiological needs (delete as appropriate) byThis health needs assessment demonstrated that future developments should aim to achieve / provide 1)2).....3) . However this assessment might be biased in terms of it being restricted to the views ofand it has not taken account of</p> <p>Example</p> <p>With reference to this population and their need for xxxxxxxxxx, the PCT has assessed felt and normative needs by consulting X, undertaking a patient survey and reviewing routine data about This partial health needs assessment demonstrated that future developments should aim to achieve / provide 1)2).....3)</p>

	<p>Example</p> <p>Without undertaking any additional HNA, this guidance requires that future developments should achieve / provide/include a)b)c)</p>
<p>What are the strengths and limitations of the current service in terms of health (care) needs?</p>	<p>Example:</p> <p>The current service adequately meets needs in terms of but does not</p> <p>Example</p> <p>There is currently no provision for these needs within Gateshead and our residents must be referred and travel to another PCT area. The majority of patients are referred towhere the service adequately meets assessed needs in terms of But does not meet requirements relating to</p> <p>Example</p> <p>There is currently no NHS provision for these needs and Gateshead residents purchase this service privately.</p>

OPTION APPRAISAL

Option	Strengths in terms of health (care) needs	Weaknesses in terms of health (care) needs
1 Do nothing	Continues to meet patient demands for	Does not meet population needs in terms of
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