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Practice-based commissioning: reinvigorate, replace or abandon?

Practice-based commissioning (PBC) is one of the cornerstones of health policy reform, but has it delivered its intended benefits? Its objectives were to encourage clinical engagement in service redesign and development, improve services for patients

and make better use of resources. Through in-depth interviews with GPs, hospital and primary care trust staff in four sites, this Kings Fund report assesses the progress of PBC and identifies the barriers that are limiting success. Using the evidence from the four case studies and

from previous research, it suggests ways forward for policy-makers.

(Published November 2008, 80 pages)

http://www.kingsfund.org.uk/publications/kings_fund_publications/pbc.html

Commissioning weight management services for children and young people

This guide has been developed to support local areas in commissioning weight management services for children and young people. It is designed to reflect the move towards world class commissioning and joint

commissioning of children's services, and complements the existing suite of Healthy Weight, Healthy Lives publications. It will also support commissioners towards achieving the world class

commissioning competencies.

(Published November 2008, 114 pages)

<http://www.networks.nhs.uk/news.php?nid=2449>

Practice based commissioning GP practice survey

This is the fifth quarterly practice survey, covering a sample of practices from each primary care trust (PCT), conducted between September and November 2008. The aims of the survey are to get feedback from

practices on their perception of the support offered by their PCT and on the clinical and financial engagement of practices with PBC. The survey is part of a group of indicators that will be assessed together to give a

picture of PBC implementation.

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http://www.dh.gov.uk/en/Publicationsandstatistics/Publications/PublicationsStatistics/DH_091372

Commissioning IAPT for the whole community: Improving Access to Psychological Therapies

This document is intended to assist commissioners (including practice-based commissioners), to deliver Improving Access to Psychological Therapies (IAPT) services that are

effective and appropriate for the whole community, using innovative ways of meeting the needs of local people. It is drawn from the work of the IAPT special interest groups (SIGs).

(Published November 2008, 57 pages)

http://www.dh.gov.uk/en/Publicationsandstatistics/Publications/DH_090011

The role of the Primary Care Trust board in world class commissioning

This DH document forms part of the wider WCC board development programme. It provides an update on the role and purpose of the PCT board in the context of world class commissioning.

This document aims to provide consolidated guidance on:

- the role and functions of the PCT;
- the role of the PCT board;
- the composition of the PCT board;
- the competencies and characteristics of a high-performing PCT board; and
- key sources of further guidance.

(Published November 2008, 25 pages)

http://www.dh.gov.uk/en/Publicationsandstatistics/Publications/PublicationsPolicyAndGuidance/DH_090400

Targeted Mental Health in Schools Project

This guide supports the strategic integration of all agencies involved in the delivery of child and adolescent mental health services (including schools) so that they can work together to deliver flexible, responsive and effective early intervention mental health services.

It is for everyone involved in deciding which services to deliver in their Targeted Mental Health in Schools (TaMHS) pathfinder project, including headteachers, commissioners in the local authority and primary care trust (PCT) and TaMHS project managers.

(Published November 2008, 104 pages)

<http://publications.everychildmatters.gov.uk/default.aspx?PageFunction=productdetails&PageMode=publications&ProductId=DCSF-00784-2008&>

Commissioning and behaviour change

Unhealthy behaviours – smoking, alcohol misuse, poor diet, lack of exercise – lead to ill health, with resulting costs to individuals, to the NHS and to society as a whole. PCTs are expected to commission support to help people change their behaviour to adopt more health lifestyles – but what should that support be? The Kicking Bad Habits programme was launched to identify effective interventions. Drawing on a series of working papers and seminars, this report assesses existing and innovative methods the health service can use to persuade people to adopt more healthy lifestyles, including providing information, personal support and financial and other incentives.

(Published December 2008, 52 Pages)

http://www.kingsfund.org.uk/publications/kings_fund_publications/kbh_final_report.html

PBC Development Framework

The Department of Health has established a PBC Development Framework, which SHAs, PCTs and practice-based commissioners (PBCs) can now use to appoint appropriately skilled organisations to provide a range of PBC capability development support.

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http://www.dh.gov.uk/en/Managingyourorganisation/Commissioning/Practice-basedcommissioning/DH_091296

Other documents and conferences

Effective Care - Effective Communication: Living and Dying with COPD

<http://www.networks.nhs.uk/news.php?nid=2463>

National Audit Office Report on End of Life care: patients should die at home, not in homes

http://www.nao.org.uk/publications/nao_reports/07-08/07081043.pdf

Transfer of Learning Disability SC Funding and Commissioning from the NHS to Local Government

http://www.dh.gov.uk/en/SocialCare/Deliveringadultsocialcare/Learningdisabilities/DH_090461

Children and young people in mind: the final report of the National CAMHS Review

http://www.dh.gov.uk/en/Publicationsandstatistics/Publications/PublicationsPolicyAndGuidance/DH_090399