

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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NICE has published six new commissioning guides

The National Institute for Health and Clinical Excellence (NICE) has published six new commissioning guides to help the NHS in England effectively commission evidence-based care for patients. The guides cover services for:

- otitis media with effusion
- patient education for people with type 2 diabetes
- diagnosis and initial management of stroke
- diagnosis and initial

management of transient ischaemic attack

- attention deficit hyperactivity disorder in adults and young people in transition
- insulin pump therapy.

Each **commissioning guide** signposts and provides topic-specific information on key clinical and service-related issues to consider during the commissioning process. They also offer an indicative benchmark of activity to help primary care trust and

practice-based commissioners determine the level of service needed locally.

To access the guides go to: www.nice.org.uk/CommissioningGuides. Ideas for future topic specific guides can be emailed to commissioningguides@nice.org.uk

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Securing better health for children and young people through world class commissioning

This guide to commissioning will support commissioners in delivering the vision set out in the accompanying child health strategy, Healthy lives, brighter futures by (a)

using the world class commissioning competencies and (b) aligning the commissioning cycles across agencies.

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http://www.dh.gov.uk/en/Publicationsandstatistics/Publications/PublicationsPolicyAndGuidance/DH_094401

Commissioning healthcare in prisons Commissioning of oral healthcare

The results of joint work between the Healthcare Commission and Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Prisons in 2007/08 - This report gives the findings from the inspections of prisons during 2007/08 relating to the delivery of healthcare and the management of substance misuse. It gives recommendations for primary care trusts on how to improve services.

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http://www.healthcarecommission.org.uk/publicationlibrary.cfm?fde_id=10276

An Independent commission has been established to examine the commissioning of oral healthcare in England and Wales.

<http://www.bda.org/news-centre/press-releases/22190-independent-commission-established-to-examine-local-commissioning-of-oral-healthcare.aspx>

Clinical commissioning: our vision for practice-based commissioning

This document sets out a vision for clinical commissioning, the hallmarks of successful clinical commissioning, the support and entitlements that practice-based commissioners can expect, and the principles underpinning vibrant, productive partnerships between PCTs and their clinical communities.

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http://www.dh.gov.uk/en/Publicationsandstatistics/Publications/PublicationsPolicyAndGuidance/DH_095692

Practice based commissioning drive begins in Brent

The first project in a new government funded drive to improve practice based commissioning has been launched in Brent. Brent primary care trust will work with a partnership of NHS Alliance and Humana to develop the skills of clinicians and managers.

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[http://www.hsj.co.uk/news/2009/03/practice_based_commissioning_drive_begins_in_brent.html;jsessionid=93B143790DB8A47527CD92A4B44D71E1?tmcsTrackingInfo=\\$!VwWVNEebP0JrQEafnD3ldAuPngTVJvTANqAPkYA FjvzFlbiTm2Smc7wNa7VN0l1sXV1eUE-TBy\\$](http://www.hsj.co.uk/news/2009/03/practice_based_commissioning_drive_begins_in_brent.html;jsessionid=93B143790DB8A47527CD92A4B44D71E1?tmcsTrackingInfo=$!VwWVNEebP0JrQEafnD3ldAuPngTVJvTANqAPkYA FjvzFlbiTm2Smc7wNa7VN0l1sXV1eUE-TBy$)

Compact Commissioning Guidance

This is the first in a series of Compact implementation guidance and is designed to facilitate better working relationships between commissioners of services in national and local public sector bodies and third sector organisations. It identifies current Compact principles and demonstrates where and how they can be applied to commissioning to deliver better outcomes and improve performance. It also highlights those Compact principles relevant to third sector organisations involved in commissioning.

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<http://www.thecompact.org.uk/files/103954/FileName/CommissioningGuidance.pdf>

Practice-based commissioning budget guidance for 2009/10

PCTs are responsible for ensuring that practices receive an indicative budget that reflects the needs of their population as accurately as possible. This allows a practice to access a 'fair share' of the resources available to the whole of the PCT for its patients. The Department has updated the toolkit that can be used to determine weighted capitation indicative budgets at practice level. This is part of the DH ongoing commitment to refine the methodology and improve accuracy.

To accompany the toolkit the DH have also produced guidance which sets out:

- Changes to the recommended methodology for deriving practices fair shares for 2009/10
- Changes to the minimum pace of change to practices budgets for 2009/10
- Information on how to use a new toolkit that can help PCT set budgets

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http://www.dh.gov.uk/en/Publicationsandstatistics/Publications/PublicationsPolicyAndGuidance/DH_094364

National Programme for Third Sector Commissioning

Based on research by nef (the new economics foundation), the National Programme for Third Sector Commissioning has published the report 'A better return' on how spending on public services can be directed to achieve the best return for communities, the environment and the public purse.

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<http://www.idea.gov.uk/idk/core/page.do?pageId=6583598>

CATS to cut waiting times for patients

MOBILE treatment units are travelling around Greater Manchester as part of a £172m private health contract to cut waiting times.

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http://www.manchestereveningnews.co.uk/news/health/s/1098195_cats_to_cut_waiting_times_for_patients