

**Sunderland Clinical Commissioning Group Commissioning Plan  
2012 - 2017**

**1. Purpose of the Report**

- 1.1 To share the draft version of the Sunderland Clinical Commissioning Group (SCCG) Clear and Credible Plan (CCP) with the Committee for consideration and comment.

**2. Background**

- 2.1 2012/13 is a year of transition for the commissioning of health services in Sunderland. Although the PCT is still formally accountable for the NHS commissioning budget, responsibility is increasingly being delegated to the CCG for the commissioning of those services which will transfer to them, while it is expected that the public health budget and responsibilities will transfer to the Local Authority by April 2012.
- 2.2 Planning for spend in 2012/13 is formally the responsibility of the PCT which must produce an Integrated Strategic and Operational Plan (ISOP) to address the recommendations in the Sunderland Joint Strategic Needs Assessment and meet the national requirements set out in the National Operating Framework for the NHS. However, the impact of those plans will fall on Sunderland CCG and Sunderland Council and so the CCG part of the PCT ISOP has been developed with and will be signed off by the CCG, while the Public Health part of the ISOP is still the subject of discussions with the Council.

**3. Current Situation**

- 3.1 Department of Health guidance on the development of Clinical Commissioning Groups requires them to develop a 5 year strategic plan which sets out:

- their vision;

- the challenges they face;
- their strategy for tackling those challenges; and
- arrangements for delivering the changes.

3.2 The Sunderland CCG Pathfinder Committee has worked since October 2011 to articulate this plan and at the end of December 2011 produced a first draft / work in progress to share with partners at the earliest possible stage to ensure that the plan develops in harmony with the local authority and other local partner plans.

3.3 It is very much a work in progress for early sharing. The Plan is also being shared with patients, carers and the public and offers have been made to visit groups and discuss the plan where requested. The Plan will also be shared with other stakeholders and the Executive Committee are planning an event for key stakeholders in early March along side an event for the 54 member Practices at the end of February.

#### **4. Conclusion and Recommendations:**

4.1 The Committee is recommended to:

1. Note the draft SCCG Commissioning Plan
2. Discuss and feedback comments on the Plan.
3. Receive a summary of the ISOP and the planned changes for 12/13 at their first meeting in the new financial year.

#### **5. Background Papers**

NHS Operating Framework 2012/13  
Developing Clinical Commissioning Groups – Towards Authorisation  
(Sept 2011)

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