

Southwark CCG

Clinical Commissioning Group Authorisation

Southwark Council
Overview & Scrutiny Committee

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Summary: Key Facts

- NHS Southwark CCG will be a membership organisation of 47 GP practices
- It will have a Governing Body, which will include:
 - Clinical leads (including a Chair)
 - Nurse members
 - Lay members
 - An Accountable Officer and Chief Financial Officer
 - A patient representative
- The CCG must be authorised by NHS Commissioning Board before it can operate as a statutory body
- CCG authorisation is a rigorous process, which will involve a comprehensive review of the CCG's evidence against a detailed set of criteria and a survey of all major stakeholders
- NHS Southwark CCG will submit its portfolio of evidence in September and hear the outcome of its application in November 2012

CCGs – what are they?

- Health & Social Care Act 2012 gives responsibility for the majority of commissioning to primary care clinicians who will exercise this responsibility as a CCG
- Now the Bill has been passed the pace of change is rapid
- CCGs will be operational from April 2013 – when PCTs and SHAs close – and will take over responsibility for commissioning if successfully authorised
- CCGs are not yet statutory organisation and exist in shadow form at present
- Southwark CCG is operating in shadow form in 2012/13 with delegated responsibility from the PCT for a commissioning budget of approximately £450m
- CCGs will be a new type of organisation – a membership organisation – and Southwark CCG will be one formed of 47 GP member practices
- CCGs will have a Governing Body with a Chair, Accountable Officer, Chief Financial Officer, Lay Members, a Clinical leadership team and a nurse representative*
- CCGs will not have responsibility for performance managing primary care contracts

* full details on www.commissioningboard.nhs.uk/resources/resources-for-ccgs

CCGs – a new type of commissioning organisation

- The Health and Social Care Act stipulates that all CCGs must have a constitution and that all member practices must sign up to it
- The CCG constitution is legally binding and once signed indicates a practice's agreement to act as a participatory member of the organisation
- If practices do not join a CCG they will be allocated to one by the NHSCB
- The constitution sets out how the CCG will discharge its duties and functions including all aspects of governance
- Once signed, any future changes to a CCG constitution would need to be approved by the NHSCB
- Southwark is working with lawyers on its constitution. This will include:
 - arrangements to discharge CCG functions & those of its Governing Body
 - processes for decision making
 - duty for registers of interest and managing conflicts of interest
 - responsibilities of practices as members and what practices can expect from their CCG

CCG authorisation

- The CCG has recently concluded elections for eight clinical leads and one nurse representative.
- A national recruitment process for Accountable Officers, Chief Financial Officers and Chairs is underway as well as recruitment to Lay Member posts
- CCGs will only have licence to operate once they have been assessed & authorised by the NHSCB and to achieve authorisation CCGs will undergo a rigorous assessment process
- The ability to form and maintain strong relationships with stakeholders is seen as vital to the success of a CCG
- Results of a stakeholder survey is an important piece of evidence for authorisation. Ipsos MORI will run 360 degree surveys for Southwark in July
- Survey covers major stakeholders and partners (member practices, Southwark Health & Wellbeing Board, local providers, Southwark Council, LINKs, and others)

CCG Authorisation criteria is grouped into six domains



CCG authorisation time-table



Southwark Clinical Commissioning Group

Application group	Date for evidence submission	Total CCGs applying	SE London CCGs applying	NHS CB decision due
Wave 1	1 st July	35	None	End October
Wave 2	1 st September	70	Southwark Lambeth Lewisham Bromley	End November
Wave 3	1 st October	67	Greenwich	End December
Wave 4	1 st November	40	Bexley	End January

How will this affect GPs?

All GP practices will belong to a CCG, all CCGs will have a constitution and all practices will identify a practice representative

- All practices will identify a Practice Representative to sit on a Council of Members
- GP views will be fed into CCG Governing Body by practice representatives
- Member practices will be involved in the CCG through Locality Commissioning Groups and a Southwark CCG Council of Members
- Patients will continue to be involved through patient participation groups at practice and locality level and through the Engagement and Patient Experience sub-committee of the CCG Governing Body

BSU: Business Support Unit

CCG: Clinical Commissioning Group

NHSCB: NHS Commissioning Board (Authority)

SHA: Strategic Health Authority