The NHS – April 2013

Ministers and the Department of Health including Public Health England

Public Health
- NHS Commissioning Board
- Clinical commissioning groups

NHS
- Monitor
- NHS Trust Development Authority

Adult Social Care
- Care Quality Commission including Healthwatch England

National Institute for Health and Care Excellence

Health and Social Care Information Centre

Local authorities

Health and Well-Being Boards [Part of local authorities]

Local Healthwatch [Formerly LINks]
- NHS providers, including:
  - NHS foundation trusts and NHS trusts
  - Primary care providers
  - Independent and third sector providers

Local authorities

Social care providers

Public health providers

Patients and the public
NHS reforms – progress

• 163 CCGs authorised with responsibility for 42 million people. Local clinicians have now been given the green light to take control of the NHS budget in more than three quarters of England’s local health communities.

• The NHS Commissioning Board (NHS CB) has published its planning guidance for 2013/2014, outlining the incentives to improve services from April 2013, the first year of the new NHS where improvement is driven by clinical commissioners.

• A good source of information on CCG development, identity and the broader NHS reforms is the NHS Commissioning Board website http://www.commissioningboard.nhs.uk/
The Mandate: A mandate from the Government to the NHS Commissioning Board: April 2013 to March 2015

- Sets priorities for the NHS for the coming two years.
- The NHS Commissioning Board is legally required to pursue the objectives in the Mandate. CCGs have a statutory duty to act consistently with the Mandate (and meet any commissioning guidance the Board chooses to issue to deliver against the Mandate).
- The Mandate states:
  “…there is a particular need for improvement, working in partnership across different services… in supporting children and young people with special educational needs or disabilities. The Board’s objective is to ensure that they have access to the services identified in their agreed care plan, and that parents of children who could benefit have the option of a personal budget based on a single assessment across health, social care and education.”
Key drivers of the health system

• The Outcomes Framework
• Healthwatch
• The Government’s Mandate to the NHS Commissioning Board
• CCG statutory duties – to meet the reasonable health needs of all patients; to act consistently with the Mandate; to act with a view to integrate health, and health related, and social care services; to work with local authorities and their partners in identifying local needs, in a Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA), and agree a Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy (JHWBS); to draw on these in developing their commissioning plans.
Local Commissioning

Local Authority

Health and Wellbeing Board

CCGs

NHS Commissioning Board

Joint Strategic Needs Assessment /Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy

Joint Commissioning Arrangements

Local Offer

Education, health And care plans
Joint commissioning duty

- Duty on LAs and CCGs to commission services jointly, to meet the needs of young people with SEND including:
  - arrangements for EHC plans; and
  - securing provision set out in EHC plans

- Builds on CCG duty to jointly prepare the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment and the Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy with LAs through the local Health and Wellbeing Board.

- Duties strengthen the role of health
What are the headline changes to the Code?

• The most significant change is that it will be a new single piece of statutory guidance on SEN that reflects the new 0-25 SEN system, bringing together 2 different current systems (the pre-16 SEN system and the post-16 system) into one consistent system.

• It will be much shorter, clearer and more concise, including information on the provision set out in the draft legislation such as the Local Office, Personal Budgets, Joint Commissioning, Assessments and Education and Health Care Plans.
What does this mean for health bodies

- The new Code of Practice will highlight the central role of Health in the system that supports children and young people with SEN.

- The Children and Families Bill will clarify that the Code applies directly to health bodies and professionals and make clear that include Clinical Commissioning Groups, NHS Trusts and Foundation Trusts, the NHS Commissioning Board and Local Health Boards.

- The new Code will include information for Health Bodies and Health Professionals on their role in the assessment process and the Education, Health and Care Plan.
Key highlights

• Strong progress has been made across the pathfinder programme over the past 15 months.
• All pathfinders have successfully set up representative governance structures and project delivery teams.
• There is a high level of positive engagement with parents.
• Very good progress has been made in mapping out a coordinated assessment and EHCP pathway and in all areas, testing with families is well underway.
• All pathfinders are actively engaged in developing their local offers, with first drafts due to be published in the spring.
• All pathfinders are testing person centred planning and key working approaches, involving a wide range of agencies and organisations.
Key highlights

- Work is progressing rapidly to develop approaches to personal budgets. The Department for Education is working with its delivery partners to support a group of pathfinders to accelerate testing in this area. Learning and case studies from the accelerated learning pathfinders will be available on the ‘Food for Thought’ pages of the pathfinder website from April 2013.

- Good progress is being made on activity to support preparation for adulthood and engaging young people, with twelve of the twenty pathfinders focussing specifically on this area of testing.

- The results of a survey with sixty-five families with completed EHCPs across eleven pathfinder areas suggest that the vast majority feel positive about their experiences of the pathfinder process.
Sharing learning from Pathfinder areas

• Pathfinder learning and evaluation is feeding into draft Regulations and the new SEN Code of Practice
• We are accelerating learning on key areas among a small number of pathfinders – including on personal budgets and EHCPs for 19-25 year olds and new entrants to the system
• Regular pathfinder learning events and case studies are informing practice and policy on an ongoing basis – follow progress at www.SENDpathfinders.co.uk
• We are developing a change guide and principles of emerging practice
• We are appointing 9-15 pathfinder champions, to begin work from April
• We are drawing up a national implementation plan to take us from piloting to roll out