

DEVELOPING GP COMMISSIONING – BRIEFING NOTE

The Government's plans for the future of commissioning will require the formation of GP-Led Commissioning Consortia and, in the interim, the formation of shadow consortia.

The General Practitioners Committee (GPC) advises that the exact approach will depend largely on local circumstances and is for local determination.

They also advise that it is vital that a distinction is drawn between the transitional leadership of a shadow consortium and those who will lead the GP-Led Commissioning Consortium that follows.

The GPC recommend that the shadow consortia will need to work closely with a wide range of other groups and external organisations including the Local Authority.

Transition Board in Shropshire

- Made up of all GPs who will work as sub-committee of PCT Board during transition period.
- Transition Board will gradually acquire responsibilities and experience.
- Local GPs will determine the pace of change.
- Transition Board is about getting us there, is not the final picture

Current Proposal to GPs

- Establish a Transition Board as a PCT Board Sub-Committee.
- Abolish Professional Executive Committee (PEC).
- GP Membership – Chair/Deputy Chair/5 locality reps.

Next Steps for GPs (Short Term)

1. Shropshire practices to be asked to confirm proposed shadow structures and Transition Board arrangements (LMC). *(November)*
2. LMC/PCT to appoint Transition Board Chair role. *(December)*
3. Transition Board Chair works with LMC to select Deputy and locality reps. *(January)*
4. Formal agreement between Transition Board and PCT Board on responsibilities/governance framework. *(February)*

Next Steps for Local Authority (Short Term)

1. Report on White Paper proposals to Joint Member Board (JMB) on 20th December 2010 proposing that the JMB is used as a transition vehicle working with GP Consortia Board to develop Transition Health & Wellbeing Board.
2. Draft Terms of Reference (developed jointly with GP Consortia Transition Board) for Health & Wellbeing brought to next JMB.
3. Ongoing work on Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA).