

Next steps towards primary care co-commissioning: Annex E

Delegation by NHS England

March 2016

Delegation by NHS England to NHS Northumberland CCG

Delegation

1. In accordance with its statutory powers under section 13Z of the National Health Service Act 2006 (as amended) (“NHS Act”), NHS England has delegated the exercise of the functions specified in this Delegation to NHS Northumberland CCG to empower NHS Northumberland CCG to commission primary medical services for the people of Northumberland.
2. NHS England and the CCG have entered into the Delegation Agreement that sets out the detailed arrangements for how the CCG will exercise its delegated authority.
3. Even though the exercise of the functions passes to the CCG the liability for the exercise of any of its functions remains with NHS England.
4. In exercising its functions (including those delegated to it) the CCG must comply with the statutory duties set out in the NHS Act and/or any directions made by NHS England or by the Secretary of State, and must enable and assist NHS England to meet its corresponding duties.

Commencement

5. This Delegation, and any terms and conditions associated with the Delegation, take effect from 1 April 2016.
6. NHS England may by notice in writing delegate additional functions in respect of primary medical services to the CCG. At midnight on such date as the notice will specify, such functions will be Delegated Functions and will no longer be Reserved Functions

Role of the CCG

7. The CCG will exercise the primary medical care commissioning functions of NHS England as set out in Schedule 1 to this Delegation and on which further detail is contained in the Delegation Agreement.
8. NHS England's will exercise its functions relating to primary medical services other than the Delegated Functions set out in Schedule 1 including but not limited to those set out in Schedule 2 to this Delegation and as set out in the Delegation Agreement.

Exercise of delegated authority

9. The CCG must establish a committee to exercise its delegated functions in accordance with the CCG's constitution and the committee's terms of reference. The structure and operation of the committee must take into account guidance issued by NHS England. This committee will make the decisions on the exercise of the delegated functions.
10. The CCG may otherwise determine the arrangements for the exercise of its delegated functions, provided that they are in accordance with the statutory framework (including Schedule 1A of the NHS Act) and with the CCG's Constitution.
11. The decisions of the CCG Committee shall be binding on NHS England and NHS Northumberland CCG.

Accountability

12. The CCG must comply with the financial provisions in the Delegation Agreement and must comply with its statutory financial duties, including those under sections 223H and 223I of the NHS Act. It must also enable and assist NHS England to meet its duties under sections 223C, 223D and 223E of the NHS Act.
13. The CCG will comply with the reporting and audit requirements set out in the Delegation Agreement and the NHS Act.

14. NHS England may, at its discretion, waive non-compliance with the terms of the Delegation and/or the Delegation Agreement.
15. NHS England may, at its discretion, ratify any decision made by the CCG Committee that is outside the scope of this delegation and which it is not authorised to make. Such ratification, which will take the form of NHS England considering the issue and decision made by the CCG and then making its own decision. This ratification process will then make the said decision one which NHS England has made. In any event ratification shall not extend to those actions or decisions that are of themselves not capable of being delegated by NHS England to the CCG.

Variation, Revocation and Termination

16. NHS England may vary this delegation at any time, including by revoking the existing Delegation and re-issuing by way of an amended Delegation.

16. This Delegation may be revoked at any time by NHS England. The details about revocation are set out in the Delegation Agreement.

17. The parties may terminate the delegation in accordance with the process set out in the delegation agreement.

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Signed by Paul Baumann
Chief Financial Officer
for and on behalf of **NHS England**

Schedule 1 –Delegated Functions

- a) decisions in relation to the commissioning, procurement and management of Primary Medical Services Contracts, including but not limited to the following activities:
 - i) decisions in relation to Enhanced Services;
 - ii) decisions in relation to Local Incentive Schemes (including the design of such schemes);
 - iii) decisions in relation to the establishment of new GP practices (including branch surgeries) and closure of GP practices;
 - iv) decisions about 'discretionary' payments;
 - v) decisions about commissioning urgent care (including home visits as required) for out of area registered patients;
- b) the approval of practice mergers;
- c) planning primary medical care services in the Area, including carrying out needs assessments;
- d) undertaking reviews of primary medical care services in the Area;
- e) decisions in relation to the management of poorly performing GP practices and including, without limitation, decisions and liaison with the CQC where the CQC has reported non-compliance with standards (but excluding any decisions in relation to the performers list);
- f) management of the Delegated Funds in the Area;
- g) Premises Costs Directions functions;
- h) co-ordinating a common approach to the commissioning of primary care services with other commissioners in the Area where appropriate; and
- i) such other ancillary activities that are necessary in order to exercise the Delegated Functions.

Schedule 2- Reserved Functions

- a) management of the national performers list;
- b) management of the revalidation and appraisal process;
- c) administration of payments in circumstances where a performer is suspended and related performers list management activities;
- d) Capital Expenditure functions;

- e) section 7A functions under the NHS Act;
- f) functions in relation to complaints management;
- g) decisions in relation to the Prime Minister's Challenge Fund; and
- h) such other ancillary activities as are necessary in order to exercise the Reserved Functions;