



## Freedom of Information request & West Norfolk CCG response

### **WN310 - Co-commissioning 'Expression of Interest'**

**I am looking to gather the co-commissioning 'expression of interest' submitted by each CCG to NHS England**

The document you have sought is below

Please note however that primary care co-commissioning is a live debate and the CCGs are still discussing options with NHS England, CCG governing bodies, the membership of the CCG, the LMC and patient representative groups.

  
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Dear Katie

Following your meetings with Dr Mack, Kathryn Ellis, Jane Webster and Jan Sanders regarding co-commissioning of primary care, I write to confirm that we would like to express our interest in exploring this further. The subject has been discussed at our Governing Body, where agreement was reached that West Norfolk CCG wishes to be involved at an early stage in exploring how this would strengthen commissioning, align our priorities and support the management of quality. However, concerns were expressed regarding potential conflicts of interests for GPs, the damage that may be caused to the CCG commissioning relationship with its Council of Members should the CCG become too embroiled in day-to-day operational and contractual issues in primary care, and alignment of necessary management resource to support co-commissioning.

The CCG has a number of planned initiatives in primary care, including:

- Planned care referral support through education;
- Locality based analysis of practice-level finance and activity data;
- Pathway reviews;
- Enhanced integration with other community services;
- Support for care homes; and
- The allocation of the £5 per head on supporting the 2% most vulnerable patients.

It would be beneficial to explore how NHS England commissioning can support the development of primary care locally, through aligning some of the contractual requirements and quality incentives with local CCG priorities. We agreed that the first step in this process was to establish a regular Primary Care oversight group, to allow for regular sharing of information, intelligence, and review of alignment of plans and initiatives.

We look forward to exploring the above further with you at our joint Primary Care conference on 25 June and working up a more detailed proposal after the event.

Yours sincerely



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