

## **AREA BOARD UPDATE – MAY 2013**

On 1 April 2013, the GP led Wiltshire Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) became the statutory body responsible for commissioning local health services for Wiltshire. Wiltshire CCG is passionate about commissioning the highest quality care for our patients as close to their homes as possible - 'The right healthcare, for you, with you, near you'

Our vision will ensure that NHS care in Wiltshire can operate with improved effectiveness. Implicit in this will be greater integration between community services, general practice and working in close partnership with Wiltshire Council.

The vision puts the patient in control whilst ensuring that every opportunity is given for the residents of Wiltshire to improve their health. It's about the CCG working with people in the community, the Local Authority and other organisations to identify and understand patients' requirements so that services can be designed to meet their needs. Key to our approach is that the CCG is clinically led with GPs proactively involved in the decision making as they are in the best place to engage with the local population to help improve health and wellbeing.

As Wiltshire is a relatively dispersed, rural community which naturally divides into three areas of population, our structure incorporates three local groups to gain the collective, specific and local knowledge of general practitioners across the county. The three local groups cover the communities of:

- South Wiltshire – (Sarum Group)
- North and East Wiltshire (NEW Group)
- West Wiltshire (WWYKD Group)

The CCG will commission services for the population of Wiltshire using local information obtained from members of GP practices in each group. The groups will be responsible for ensuring delivery of quality health services from acute and community providers of health services.

We aim to ensure that all our stakeholders are engaged in a meaningful, consistent and timely manner in having a say regarding health services. The feedback we garner will be used to assist in the decision making process for healthcare improvements in Wiltshire.

Our aims are to:

- To make clinically led commissioning a reality in providing local solutions to local needs
- To deliver strategic plans which address the needs of local populations and involve patients, practices and partners
- To address the growing needs of our ageing population, and the mental health and emergency needs of our combined populations
- To encourage and support the whole population in managing and improving their health and wellbeing
- To ensure sustainability of the emerging organisation in delivering cost effective healthcare
- To communicate effectively, staying engaged with all of our patients, partners and stakeholders.

**Our 7 key priorities are:**

- 1 – Staying healthy and preventing ill health
- 2 – Planned care
- 3 – Unplanned care and frail elderly
- 4 – Mental health
- 5 – Long term conditions (inc Dementia)
- 6 – End of life care
- 7 – Community services and integrated care.

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