Panel discussion - Commissioning for Integrated Health and Care

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1. Ivan was recently appointed as Director of Partnerships at the NHS Commissioning Board.   For the preceding four years Ivan was Chief Executive of East Riding of Yorkshire Primary Care Trust.

2. Before that, Ivan was a civil servant in the Department of Health where he worked in a number of senior posts including Acting Director General of Performance, Director of Planning, Head of Public Expenditure (leading two successive spending reviews) and Head of General Medical Services.

About the NHS Commissioning Board

3. The NHS Commissioning Board was established by the Health and Social Care Act 2012 with effect from October 2012.

4. The Commissioning Board is a non-departmental public body accountable to Secretary of State to hold Clinical Commissioning Groups (CCGs) to account to promote a comprehensive health service (apart from public health). They will be nationally accountable body for the outcomes achieved by the NHS.

5. The Commissioning Board will be a national organisation, with regional and 'local' staff. The corporate centre (approximately 800 posts) will be based in Leeds, with a small presence in London, and there will be approximately 2,500 posts in local offices along with four sector teams providing clinical and professional leadership.

6. The Commissioning Board will be responsible for the commissioning of all existing NHS services which will not be passed onto Clinical Commissioning Groups or local government. This includes some primary medical, dental, opthalmic and pharmaceutical services, health services for prisoners and armed forces and specialist service and public health services on behalf of Public Health England (PHE). It also includes children and young people's public health services from the age of 0 – 5 years, until at least 2015. The total budget is £80 billion, £60bn of which will be passed directly to the CCGs.