

Compact Agreement between the NHS Commissioning Board and the LGA

Purpose of report

To comment upon and approve the Compact agreement between the LGA and Commissioning Board.

Summary

This report gives a brief summary of the key messages and background to the development of the Compact agreement between the LGA and NHS commissioning Board.

Recommendation

The Board is requested to note the Compact agreement between the LGA and Commissioning Board (see **Appendix A**), and to provide comments and approval.

Action

LGA officers to action as necessary.

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Background

1. The NHS Commissioning Board Authority was established by the Health and Social Care Act 2012 and will become fully operational as the Commissioning Board (CB) from October 2012.
2. The LGA has been working with the CB to develop joint working at a national level, including through the development of a joint Compact agreement.
3. The Compact will define how we will work together for the next year and beyond. It has been drafted jointly with input from the Chairman and Chief Executive of both organisations and has been cleared by the Community Wellbeing Board. The Local Government Chief Executive representatives from the Health Transition Task Group have also had sight of this and have fed in comments throughout.
4. The themes that are emerging from the Compact formed the basis of the plenary session with Cllr David Rogers OBE and Sir David Nicholson (Chief Executive of the Commissioning Board) at the LGA Annual Conference.
5. The media teams from both organisations will be updating the joint statement that will be accompanying the document to reflect the speeches at conference.

Key themes/messages

6. The overall joint priorities for year one will be 'shared system leadership', 'joint planning' and 'sector-led improvement and innovation'.
7. Delivering integrated commissioning and integrated services around patients and communities is the key theme running through the Compact.
8. We propose (subject to Executive approval):
 - 8.1. to put in place effective mechanisms for Health and Wellbeing Boards (HWBs) and Clinical Commissioning Groups (CCGs) to ensure that CCG plans adhere to the joint health and wellbeing strategy, and where possible are jointly commissioned;
 - 8.2. to ensure that the NHS CB assurance process for CCGs includes a clear plan for the deployment and reinvestment of local resources and alignment with the Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy (JHWS);

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- 8.3. to facilitate and promote shared system learning and leadership at all levels in the system, and provide a package of support;
 - 8.4. to work together on safeguarding, emergency planning and joining up separate outcomes frameworks;
 - 8.5. to align sector-led improvement with the NHS Institute for Innovation; and
 - 8.6. to put in place an early warning system to identify areas that may need support.
9. We will put in place governance arrangements that will include:
- 9.1. **Joint leadership group.** This will agree joint strategic priorities for following year and review progress. It will be co-chaired by the LGA and NHS CB Chairs and attended by the Community Wellbeing Board Chair and LGA and NHS CB Chief Executives. The group will meet annually.
 - 9.2. **Leadership Executive Group.** This will identify the strategic priorities for the partnership and once approved by the Joint Leadership Group will develop a strategy and plan for implementation. The group will be co-chaired by the LGA and NHS CB Chief Executives, and will meet quarterly.

Clearance process

10. Following clearance from the Executive, the Compact will be taken to the Commissioning Board Future Design Group on 9 August. The commissioning Board will approve the final Compact on 20 September, along with a suite of other Compacts with other organisations. It is expected that there will be no more changes made at this stage, but that if there any changes of substance, then we have made it clear that the Compact will have to go back through LGA clearance processes.
11. The aim will be to launch the Compact in October, potentially at the LGA/CB Conference on Integrated Commissioning on 29 October.