

Service Plan 2012

Health and Social Care Finance and Commissioning Network (HSCFAN)

What is the Network?

The aim of the Health and Social Care Finance and Commissioning Network is to provide timely and relevant information and events to help each of us respond to the opportunities and challenges of the new health and social care landscape.

The planned programme of events and publication of papers has been designed for commissioning, finance, and other staff who are involved in the commissioning of all support and care associated with health and well being – whether health care, public health interventions or social care and support.

For 2012 we will focus on: -

- the new commissioning landscape – especially the opportunities for increased joint and integrated working with new clinical commissioning groups (CCGs);
- the transfer of public health from PCT's to Local Authorities;
- the white paper on the future and future funding of social care, and
- making the most of the new opportunities that closer partnership working between health and social care provides including opportunities to make better use of resources as the squeeze on public spending continues.

The network will provide advice, e-alerts and briefings, reports and events on topics of prime concern to commissioning, public health and social care practitioners. The dedicated website address is <http://www.cipfanetworks.net/scf/>.

Event details for 2012

The new health, public health and social care agenda will again form the cornerstone of the 2012 programme with the following events planned:

- **Integrated Commissioning** – Feb 2012 – how can we make the most of the opportunities for increased joint and integrated working in the new clinical commissioning landscape that makes better use of the resources devoted to the support and care of people with long term conditions that account for at least £67bn of the £96bn available to CCGs' and Local Authorities.
- **Public Health** – April 2012 – drawing on the national conference on Public Health on the 1st March - what local opportunities and challenges does the transfer of Public Health from PCT's to Local Authorities provide?
- **Improving Productivity** – June 2012 - can measures of productivity be improved? can more opportunities to improve productivity be identified to contribute to the QIPP and Local Authority savings challenges?
- **Partnership Working** – September 2012 – what opportunities does the new health and social care landscape have for generating new savings from joint initiatives across Health, Public Health and Social Care – for example in new clinical design – in improved support for those with long term conditions, etc?

We expect to include an analysis of the Government's White Paper on the future of Social Care and it's response to Dilnot in the event planned for April.

Planned Documentation for 2012

Planned Documentation for 2012 will include papers on: -

- **Integrated Commissioning and Integrated Commissioning Support**
- **Innovation and Productivity**
- **The Results of the Zero Based Review of Finance and Performance Information**
- **Public Health Funding**
- **The White Paper on the Future and Future Funding of Social Care -**
- **Future Judicial Reviews** - including those increasingly focussing on challenges from providers on pricing.
- **A Personalisation Update** - including Personal Health Budgets - following the publication of the Evaluation of Personal Health Budgets
- **Whole Systems/Partnership Working** - following the publication of the Whole Systems Demonstrator Projects - and - other work on clinical redesign - including improved support for those with long term health conditions.
- **General Updates** - on new developments and initiatives - especially those that might help with the savings agenda.

The appendix to this service plan gives further details.

Continuing to be a National Influence

Following continuing contributions to the personalisation agenda, the Dilnot review, the Zero Based Review of finance and activity information and opportunities on integrated commissioning through joint work with the new clinical commissioning groups, we would expect the network to continue to be an influence on the commissioning and financial aspects of the new health and social care agenda. We will continue to work with the Department of Health; the Care Quality Commission; the NHS Commissioning Board; ADASS and other professional bodies in this aim.

Membership benefits

Subscriber Advice and E Alerts

An advisor will respond to requests from subscribers on finance and commissioning issues and/or put subscribers in touch with the appropriate CIPFA contact to offer help. This is offered on a time limited basis. Subscribers will receive regular e-alerts providing information about the latest developments in social care and health.

Regional Events and Related Papers

Events allow delegates to hear from experts in the field and share experience of the emerging opportunities from the new health and social care landscape alongside meeting the challenges of accelerating demographic change while public sector finances continue to be squeezed. In 2011 the programme included: *Making the Most of the New Health Agenda; Meeting the Savings Challenges of 2012-13; The Zero Based Review and Responding to the Rapidly Changing World in Social Care and Health in conjunction with our Better Governance colleagues.*

Health & Social Care Finance & Commissioning Documentation – Access

On the website we will prepare and publish relevant briefings and guidance on the main health and social care finance and commissioning issues of the day. We will encourage members of the network to share papers of benefit to other subscribers.

Rough Guides and Briefings – Website Access

Subscribers will have free access to rough guides and briefings which draw on the practical experience of practitioners similar to those that have been published previously. Over the last two years these have included: *the rough financial guide to personal budgets; papers and articles on responding to the challenges of demographic change; accounting for personalisation; health funding; carers funding; making the most of the new health and social care agenda; Dilnot; the Reform of Social Care Law; the Birmingham Judicial Review, and the Zero Based Review.*

CIPFA Networks – Coming together

Clients can subscribe to the Health and Social Commissioning and Finance Network at a very favourable rate if they are a member of CIPFA's core networks. Full details of this arrangement are given on the Cipfa Networks website. How this interacts with our training offering is given at; www.cipfanetworks.net/training/portfolio

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All events (including the integrated finance seminars and conferences) are listed under the events pages of our website at <http://www.cipfanetworks.net/scf/events/>

All the programmes highlighted in this service plan, are subject to change where new topics emerge that are considered as either more important or more urgent than those within the existing programme.

Appendix 1 – Health and Social Care Finance & Commissioning Network - Planned Documentation 2012

Topic Area	Planned Date	Planned Documentation
<i>Integrated Commissioning</i>	January 2012	This report will explore how we might the most of the opportunities for increased joint and integrated working in the new clinical commissioning landscape with a special focus on making better use of the resources devoted to the support and care of people with long term conditions that account for at least £67bn of the £96bn available to CCGs' and Local Authorities.
<i>Innovation and Productivity</i>	January 2012	This paper will build on the NHS Innovation Review in looking at ways to increase the speed of the diffusion of good practice for example accelerating the use of telehealth to improve services for patients with long term conditions – where such support is available to less than 10,000 people compared to 1.6 million people who receive telecare support. It will look at other innovations in the care and support for those with diabetes, heart and respiratory conditions.
<i>Public Health Funding</i>	Early 2012	Briefing notes on funding formulas and shadow allocations.
<i>The Results of the Zero Based Review</i>	Spring 2012	A briefing note on the results of the zero based review of finance and activity information.
<i>The White Paper on the Future and Future Funding of Social Care</i>	Spring 2012	A briefing note on the White Paper and future funding proposals.
<i>Whole Systems / Partnership Working</i>	Spring/ Summer 2012	This paper will be prepared following the publication of the Whole Systems Demonstrator Projects report and will include other work on clinical redesign – including improved support for those with long term health conditions.
<i>A Personalisation Update</i>	October 2012	This paper will provide an update on Personal Budgets and Personal Health Budgets. PCT clusters have been asked to prepare for the wider roll-out of personal health budgets, following the completion and evaluation of the pilot programme, due to end in October 2012. Subject to evaluation, this should include preparation for all patients with NHS continuing care to be offered a personal health budget for relevant aspects of care by April 2014 at the latest.
<i>Future Judicial Reviews</i>	As Relevant	This will follow the practice of the paper produced in 2011 following the Birmingham Judicial Review including providers challenging negotiation and pricing decisions.
<i>General Updates</i>	During the year	Briefing notes produced during the year on changes that will affect the commissioning and funding of health, public health and social care including CCG and LA allocations.