



Kent Local Medical Committee

Supporting list based personalised care, the partnership model and meaningful collaboration

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Dear Colleague

Last week Kent LMC had an opportunity to review our position on Co-commissioning. This is particularly important as CCGs now have an opportunity to apply for Joint or Delegated Commissioning Arrangements with their applications needed to be completed by the end of September.

We are very grateful to the NHS England team and senior CCG representatives who took part in a very interesting and wide-ranging debate about the pros and cons of the different levels of Co-commissioning.

What follows is a position statement from Kent LMC. We hope that this will prove helpful to our membership and the wider health care community in coming to a decision about the next steps.

Kent LMC feels Joint Commissioning does not offer any benefits to primary care and Delegated Commissioning can only be supported if the following issues have been addressed:-

- As a minimum the totality of the general practice funding is ring fenced. *
- There is a transfer of those financial/human resources that are associated with primary care from NHSE to CCGs.
- Contractual management of practices is properly resourced, equitable and transparent and must include early discussion with the LMC.
- That conflicts of interest are recognised and managed appropriately and transparently.
- CCG constitutions are changed to address these and any other issues that arise in discussions with CCG membership.

Kent LMC believes the future of primary care is in the promotion of collaborative working via GP federations which deliver integrated care at locality level and any commissioning model should support this.

*By totality of general practice funding we mean at least, all GMS/PMS/APMS funding, all enhanced service funding, IT funding, Premises funding

Yours sincerely

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