

An introduction to East Staffordshire Clinical Commissioning Group;

East Staffordshire Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) is a consortium of 19 GP practices working across the Burton on Trent and Uttoxeter area, serving a population of approximately 135,000. We work together to commission quality healthcare services on behalf of our local population in order to improve patient outcomes and experiences in the most cost effective ways.

East Staffordshire CCG is an emerging Clinical Commissioning Group that is fully engaged in being fit for purpose and capable of facing the challenges ahead. We are working towards authorisation for April 2013 following the abolishment of PCTs as determined by the Health and Social Care Bill.

Our Mission Statement

“East Staffordshire Clinical Commissioning Group members will work together, sharing best practice and expertise to achieve a sustainable local health economy and reduce health inequality”.

Aside from our patients and service users, our other key stakeholder relationships are with the Burton Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust, the Staffordshire and Stoke on Trent Partnership Trust, the South Staffordshire and Shropshire Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust, East Staffordshire Borough Council and Staffordshire County Council. Going forwards, the new Health and Wellbeing Board will be a key link for the Clinical Commissioning Group.

As an emerging Clinical Commissioning Group we will:

- Support Burton Hospital Foundation Trust to continue as an independent provider, as long as they meet the needs of the local population and remain economically sustainable. We will work in partnership with them to facilitate this;
- Work collaboratively with all appropriate partner agencies to ensure care is appropriately based;
- Embrace the Quality, Innovation, Productivity & Prevention agenda and deliver and commission cost effective care;
- Foster a partnership approach, supporting each other in providing high quality Primary Care services.

Structure of the CCG

The CCG has a newly elected clinical chair, Dr Charles Pidsley of Bridge Surgery, Burton. Including the Chair, the Executive Board currently consists of 6 elected GPs and an elected Practice Manager from a number of practices within East Staffordshire. This group is the current decision making body for the CCG and has accountability for governance; all members will become part of the CCG Governing Body once authorised.

Feeding into the Governing Body is the CCG Steering Group, a membership forum that includes representation from all 19 practices. The main purpose of the Steering Group is to provide clinical engagement on proposed developments within the CCG. It also has a mandate to vote on any contentious decisions and will hold the Governing Body to account for delivery of the outcomes agreed to within the CCG Membership Constitution.

We have a dedicated management team for the CCG and have developed close working relationships with neighbouring South Staffordshire CCGs, particularly the South East Staffordshire & Seisdon Peninsular CCG. We also work closely with other neighbouring CCGs across Northern Staffordshire and Derbyshire where we have joint priorities and agendas. We want to avoid duplication and reduce differential service provision across our neighbouring localities.

All CCGs are required to appoint an Accountable Officer who will sit alongside the Chair at the head of the organisation. East Staffordshire CCG is currently working through the national process to identify and appoint an accountable officer.

The budget for East Staffordshire for 2012/13 is £149,770,000.

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