

Practice Based Commissioning

A Compact for Practices and Primary Care Trusts

Practice Based Commissioning is key to improving local services and health. PCTs and practices should be mutually accountable for its success.

1. Both PCTs and Practices should :

- PBC plans should improve convenience and access to services and ensure that they are of high quality and cost effective.
- Involve the local public and patients in shaping local services and seek their feedback on how these are delivered.
- Aim to identify and address local inequalities in health.

2. The Primary Care Trust should:-

- Undertake a relevant health needs assessment of the local population to inform commissioning decisions.
- Provide timely benchmarked activity data in an **accessible** format to practices that allows relevant scrutiny and monitoring.
- Provide accurate and timely budgetary information on a monthly basis (or the means of accessing such information).
- Provide adequate human and financial resource to practices and collectives to ensure PBC is effective.
- Encourage and support practices in bringing about service and organisational development and seek to remove barriers to change.
- Abide by the National Operating Framework for Commissioning and PBC Guidance securing robust contracts with local provider trusts informed by PBC.

3. Individual Practices or Consortia of Practices should:-

- Seek to involve all their clinicians and managers in the responsible use of healthcare resources ensuring efficient and effective care.
- Draw up and deliver PBC plans that significantly improve patient services and health.
- Focus PBC activity on identified local needs and also support the PCT in its strategic objectives and delivery plan.
- Work collectively with local patients, community professionals and local agencies to deliver PBC in the wider interest.
- Strive to implement PBC plans, monitor all relevant activity and seek to keep within indicative budgets (set according to the PBC guidance).
- Abide by the National Operating Framework for Commissioning and PBC Guidance.