
**DARLINGTON CLINICAL COMMISSIONING GROUP – TRANSITION
ARRANGEMENTS**

SUMMARY REPORT

Purpose of the Report

1. To inform the committee on the progress to date for developing Darlington Clinical Commissioning Group (DCCG) and the required authorisation process for legally establishing DCCG as the local NHS Commissioning organisation from 01 April 2012.

Summary

2. This paper provides an update on DCCG progress towards authorisation. The legal process is described as well as the key milestones set out by the NHS Commissioning Board.

Recommendation

3. It is recommended that the Committee note the progress update

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Background Papers

There were no background papers used in the preparation of this report.

S17 Crime and Disorder	There are no implications arising from this report.
Health and Well Being	Establishing DCCG will ensure the Health and Social Care reforms are fully implemented in Darlington
Carbon Impact	There are no implications arising from this report.
Diversity	There are no implications arising from this report.
Wards Affected	All
Groups Affected	All
Budget and Policy Framework	N/A
Key Decision	N/A
Urgent Decision	N/A
One Darlington: Perfectly Placed	N/A
Efficiency	N/A

MAIN REPORT

4. This paper provides an update on the CCG progress towards authorisation and specific requirements set out in *Clinical Commissioning Group Authorisation; Draft Guide for Applicants* (NHS Commissioning Board Authority, April 2012).
5. The application process requires submission of quality evidence against 119 criteria for authorisation across the recognised six domains.
 - (a) **Domain 1**- A strong clinical and multi professional focus which brings real added value
 - (b) **Domain 2** - Meaningful engagement with patients, carers and their communities
 - (c) **Domain 3**- Clear and Credible Plans which continue to deliver quality, innovation, productivity and prevention (QIPP) challenge within financial resources, in line with national requirements and local joint health and wellbeing strategies
 - (d) **Domain 4**- Proper constitutional and governance arrangements, with the capacity and capability to deliver all their duties and responsibilities including financial control, as well as effectively commission all the services for which they are responsible
 - (e) **Domain 5**- Collaborative arrangements for commissioning with other CCGs, local authorities and the NHS Commissioning Board as well as appropriate external commissioning support
 - (f) **Domain 6**- Great leaders who individually and collectively can make a real difference
6. The evidence submission includes some 22 key mandatory documents such as the Clear and Credible Plan; The CCG Constitution and the Communications and Engagement Plan. The CCG is able to submit a range of further evidence (reports, case studies and minutes of meetings) over and above the mandatory documents which provide evidence against the authorisation criteria.
7. A number of key partners and stakeholders have taken part in a 360 degree survey (Ipsos MORI). The results of this survey together with a report from the Strategic Health Authority on our readiness for authorisation and a detailed data profile formed a further bundle of evidence for authorisation.
8. Darlington CCG is part of the National cohort four with a deadline for application for authorisation of 01 November 2012. Delivery to this deadline was project managed and comfortably met by the DCCG project team.

9. The NHS Commissioning Board (NHS CB) undertook a site visit to DCCG on 20 December 2012 which was a structured question and answer format based primarily on key lines of enquiry (KLOEs) collated from a critical analysis of the evidence submitted. The NHS CBA panel included a clinical lead, a commissioning expert, finance expert, key assessor, lay panellist, chair, regional representative (Local Area Team) and a moderator from PricewaterhouseCoopers.
10. At point of writing this report there remain two outstanding red criteria of a technical nature relating to appointment of a chief nurse and confirmation that the chief finance officer attends a National development programme.
11. The NHS CB will inform Darlington CCG of their final decision based on a published end to end process. The key milestones are set out below and Appendix one illustrates the decision making flow chart.

Key Milestones

Authorisation Step	Milestone
Site Visit	20 December 2012
Feedback from site visit	04 January 2013
Moderation panel (makes recommendations on full authorisation or authorised with conditions)	28 January 2013
Conditions panel (considers support required where threshold not met for one or more criteria)	05 or 08 February 2013
Authorisation sub-committee (makes the authorisation decision)	06 March 2013
Darlington CCG established as an NHS Statutory Body	01 April 2013

Appendix 1

Authorisation decision-making flow chart

