

NHS NEL Commissioning Alliance – Joint Commissioning Committee

About NHS NEL Commissioning Alliance

The seven CCGs in north east London (NEL) - Barking and Dagenham, City and Hackney, Havering, Newham, Redbridge, Tower Hamlets and Waltham Forest - are working together as the NHS NEL Commissioning Alliance to deliver commissioning efficiencies and develop an aligned approach to working with providers to ensure long term sustainability and support the delivery of effective integrated care systems. Working together where it makes sense to do so for patients means CCGs can pool resources and free up time to build on the progress already made locally on integrated health and social care.

Establishing these new commissioning arrangements is vital to deliver:

- Strategic alignment with the NHS Five Year Forward View and in particular the commitment to develop integrated care systems
- Sustainability for the whole system including providers, commissioners and partners
- Improvements in outcomes, quality and performance and reducing variation across NEL.

About the JCC

The Joint Commissioning Committee (JCC) consists of representatives from each of the seven north east London (NEL) CCGs - Barking and Dagenham, City and Hackney, Havering, Newham, Redbridge, Tower Hamlets and Waltham Forest - and has been established to enable collaborative commissioning and allow decisions to be made at a NEL-wide level.

The JCC operates in addition to individual CCGs' governing bodies.

Local commissioning (at individual governing body level)	NEL commissioning (seven CCGs through the JCC)
All integrated commissioning with local authorities for example adults, children, prevention Provider development Primary care development Contracting, prescribing, pharmacy Contracting and commissioning with major providers: Community services contracting Mental health contracting Acute commissioning and contracting	Commission services jointly – e.g. London Ambulance Service and integrated urgent care, specialist commissioning Alignment of commissioning strategies (e.g. urgent and emergency care, mental health, planned care) Assurance

The JCC will be operational from 1 April 2018. Before then, shadow arrangements are in place to test the new arrangements and identify the changes and improvements required. In shadow form the JCC does not have any formal powers or role and acts as consultative body for the single accountable officer and her team.

Membership

The membership of the JCC is as follows:

CCG	Chair	Lay member	LA rep (non-voting)
Barking and Dagenham	Kash Pandya (acting chair until elections complete)	Kash Pandya (Specialty: Audit)	Mark Tyson, Commissioning Director, Adults' Care & Support
Havering	Dr Atul Aggarwal	Richard Coleman (Specialty: PPI)	Mark Ansell, Public health consultant
Redbridge	Dr Anil Mehta	Khalil Ali (Specialty: PPI)	Adrian Loades, Corporate Director of People
City and Hackney	Dr Clare Highton Dr Mark Ricketts (new Chair from 1 April 2018)	Sue Evans (Specialty: Audit)	Ellie Ward, Programme Manager (City of London) Gareth Wall, Head of public health (Hackney)
Waltham Forest	Dr Anwar Khan	Alan Wells (Specialty: PPI)	Linzi Roberts-Egan, Deputy Chief Executive - Families
Newham	Dr Prakash Chandra	Andrea Lippett (Specialty: Governance)	Grainne Siggins, Executive Director - Strategic Commissioning
Tower Hamlets	Dr Sam Everington	Noah Curthoys (Specialty: Governance)	Denise Radley, Corporate Director: Health, Adults and Community.

Other voting members:

- Jane Milligan, accountable officer

Non-voting members:

- Financial representative
- Secondary care consultant
- Registered nurse

There are three leadership positions:

1. **Chair** (selected and elected by the CCG chairs only) – this is Dr Anwar Khan (Waltham Forest CCG)
2. **Deputy Chair** (selected by the chair from the CCG chairs) – this is Dr Prakash Chandra (Newham CCG) until the end of his term (June 2018), then Dr Anil Mehta (Redbridge CCG)
3. **Vice Chair** – this must be a lay member to chair any meetings or undertake any other duties where the chair / deputy has a conflict of interest or a perceived conflict of interest. The vice chair is selected and elected by the lay members alone. This is Kash Pandya (Barking and Dagenham CCG)

Changes to CCG constitutions

Changes are required to some CCG constitutions to enable the JCC and the single accountable officer to effectively operate within the framework agreed by the NEL CCGs and add a greater degree of collaborative flexibility.

These changes are summarised as follows:

- to allow the joint appointment of a single accountable officer for the seven CCGs
- to specify how the governance of the JCC operates and what functions have been delegated to it
- to update the scheme of reservation and delegation which sets out the services and functions that are delegated to the JCC. (This will be reviewed towards the end of 2018/19 to ensure that it reflects accurately the role of JCC)
- to set out that the JCC will exercise such commissioning powers as are delegated to it by the governing body.
- to allow the CCG to make joint appointments including joint appointments with other CCGs
- to reflect the respective responsibilities of the accountable officer and managing director including financial thresholds
- to allow all governing body committees to meet with similar committees of other CCGs, using the “Committees in Common” arrangement,
- to add text regarding the appointment of a conflict of interest guardian
- to add the JCC terms of reference as an appendix

Once individual governing bodies approve the constitutional changes, each CCG will then need to will then need to consult with its member GP practices to gain approval for the changes. This will then go to NHS England for formal approval.

Next steps

- Continued development of the JCC while it is in shadow form
- Recruitment and appointment of further (non-voting) members of the JCC:
 - Financial representative
 - Secondary care consultant
 - Registered nurse
- The first meeting in public of the JCC will take place in May (taking into account local elections purdah) and this will be promoted widely once a date is confirmed.

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