

Guide to Catch (Cambridgeshire Association To Commission Health)

This short guide is intended to provide you with information about CATCH (Cambridgeshire Association to Commission Health).

What is CATCH?

CATCH was set up in 2006 and is a group of local GP practices across Cambridge City and South Cambridgeshire, who have joined forces in order to design and organise local health services for people living in the area.

CATCH covers 36 practices in Cambridge City and South Cambridgeshire.

CATCH works closely with our local hospitals, community services and mental health services to deliver health services to local people.

What is a Local Commissioning Group?

Health services have historically been commissioned by primary care trusts (PCTs). This way of buying in services means that GPs, who are the best placed to advise on their patients needs, have been removed from the process.

In 2009/2010, NHS Cambridgeshire reviewed its 5 year plan and developed a number of priority areas on which to focus. One priority was to work in partnership with GPs to develop a more devolved system of commissioning which would take into account local knowledge and the expertise of GPs.

The Health & Social Care Bill 2011, reinforces this view, and in time, much of the responsibility for commissioning health services will be given over to GPs.

CATCH has been working with NHS Cambridgeshire and other local NHS partners to identify the priorities that patients have said they want from their health care.

Below is a list of some of the initial priorities for CATCH:

Empowerment of patients by:

- Promoting healthy living and encouraging self management of conditions wherever it is practical to do so
- Sharing decisions with patients on their treatments
- Creating personal health plans which will help patients to manage their own conditions
- Consulting with patient groups about future plans for services

Moving care closer to home by:

- Supporting the development of services in the local community. This will mean that people do not have to travel to hospital to receive treatment

Supporting good clinical practice by:

- Working with hospitals to put together packages of care for patients from start to finish
- Ensuring that all medicine guidelines are adhered to

Improving health and reducing health inequalities by:

- Working with the public to help them understand how they can look after their own health - for example advice around smoking cessation and dietary advice

Practices in CATCH

The following practices are members of CATCH:

- Over
- Bar Hill
- Willingham
- Cottenham
- Swavesey
- Melbourn
- Comberton
- Bourn
- Linton
- Harston
- Cornford House
- Mill Road, Cambridge
- Queen Edith's Way, Cambridge
- Gt Shelford
- Lensfield Road
- Huntingdon Road
- Trumpington Street
- Bridge Street
- Red House
- Petersfield
- Waterbeach
- York Street
- Woodlands Surgery
- Cambourne
- Newnham Walk
- Arbury Road
- Nuffield Road
- East Barnwell
- Milton
- Cherry Hinton
- Histon
- Bottisham
- Sawston
- Rosia Surgery, Herts
- Barley Surgery, Herts

- Royston Health Centre, Herts

Lead GP

The lead GP of CATCH is Dr Geraldine Linehan who is located at

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What does this mean for patients?

As the Local Commissioning Group develops its role, patients will benefit from:

- More local care available for patients
- Greater accountability to patients
- Swifter decision making and change
- More locally developed methods of treatment for patients
- More cost effective services

Further information

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