

## **Guide to Isle Of Ely Local Commissioning Group**

This short guide is intended to provide you with information about the Isle of Ely Local Commissioning Group.

### **What is a Local Commissioning Group?**

A Local Commissioning Group is the name that has been given to a group of GP practices who have chosen to come together to commission (buy) health services for their local communities.

Isle of Ely Local Commissioning Group will be responsible for commissioning (buying) NHS services for patients that have been commissioned historically by NHS Cambridgeshire (the primary care trust for Cambridgeshire).

Isle of Ely Health Local Commissioning Group will be responsible for commissioning hospital services and community services (for example district nurses) and mental health services to people living in Ely and the surrounding area.

### **Why the move to Local Commissioning Groups?**

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 too far removed from the process.

In 2009/2010 NHS Cambridgeshire reviewed its five 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 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.

### **Priorities for health**

Isle of Ely Health Local Commissioning Group have been working with NHS Cambridgeshire and other local NHS partners to identify the priorities that patients have said they want from their health care. As part of the pilot scheme it is expected that priorities will be further developed in the coming months.

Below is a list of some of the initial priorities for Isle of Ely Local Commissioning Group

- Develop **community services** that will enable patients to be treated closer to home and reduce the number of unnecessary hospital visits

- Development of a **fracture clinic** at the Princess of Wales Hospital in Ely. This would provide a service closer to home while providing the best quality and outcomes for patients
- Develop a community based **diabetic service** based within GP practices. Educational resources will be provided for patients to help to give them the support they need to manage their condition themselves
- Develop a new community based **dermatology service**, using a range of specialists which will enable patients to be treated closer to home
- Implement a one stop patch testing **allergy clinic** in the community
- Develop a one stop **urology clinic** where patients will have their first clinic appointment, diagnostic tests and if necessary receive treatment all in one visit, reducing the number of appointments that are needed.
- Set up a register of patients with **long term conditions**. This will help to identify the needs of patients and priorities for Isle of Ely Health Consortium in the future.

### **GP Practices in the Isle Of Ely Local Commissioning Group**

At present there are six GP practices who have formed the Isle of Ely Health Local Commissioning Group. These are as follows:

- Priors Field, Sutton
- St George's Medical Centre, Littleport
- Staploe Medical Centre, Soham
- George Clare, Chatteris
- The Cathedral Medical Centre, Ely
- St Mary's Ely
- Burwell
- Haddenham

### **Lead GP**

The lead GP in the Isle of Ely Local Commissioning Group is Dr John Jones who is based at Staploe Medical Centre, Soham

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Brewhouse Lane  
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### **What does this mean for patients?**

As the Local Commissioning Group develops the 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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