

## Questions to the Governing Body – 28 May 2015

### 1) Oxfordshire Clinical Commissioning Group Name

Is the Governing Body aware that most patients have no idea what a Clinical Commissioning Group is, or why they should take any interest in it? Hence the pitifully low response rates to consultations.

Clearly the CCG cannot change its statutory name. Now that the CCG is assuming responsibility for co-commissioning primary care, and is seeking to co-operate with the county council's Health and Wellbeing Board, would the CCG consider adopting a "trading name" that the public might understand? Such as Oxfordshire Sickness and Health Board?

Thank you for the point. Oxfordshire CCG does understand its name and role are not recognised, as was the case with Primary Care Trusts (PCTs). Thank you for the suggestion of a "trading name" but we would prefer to avoid the word 'sickness' in the title. We will consider your comments in the terms of how we present and brand the system wide work currently being undertaken.

### 2) Invoices to independent commercial providers

The following question was put to the March meeting of the GB:

c) Will OCCG give a detailed description of the healthcare services it commissions from all independent commercial providers to enable patients and the public in Oxfordshire to understand what exactly is being provided on their behalf?

To which OCCG replied:

'At the time of writing we are currently agreeing contracts for the new financial year (15/16) so this information is not yet ready. We will:

- Make available on our website a summary of the services provided by private providers in 2014/15 by 1st May 2015; and,
- Do the same for our 2015/16 contract plans by 1st June 2015.

### Follow up question:

It is noted that OCCG does not offer to provide a detailed description of the healthcare services it commissions from independent commercial providers, as requested. Instead, OCCG plans to make available a summary of these services, which will not enable the public to have a full understanding of the extent of outsourcing that is happening in Oxfordshire.

- a) Will OCCG reconsider its decision to provide only a summary?

There is too much detail for more than a summary to be uploaded to the website. We are happy to provide a response to any specific request for further information.

- b) Will OCCG indicate where on its website we can find the information referred to in bullet point one?

This is currently still being updated and will be uploaded to the website next week to the Who We Work With section of the About Us page.

### 3) Priorities committee minutes

OCCG's website has minutes of the MOBBB priorities committee, ending in November 2012. <http://www.oxfordshireccg.nhs.uk/professional-resources/priority-setting/priorities-committee-minutes/>

The website also indicates that OCCG is part of Thames Valley Priorities Committee, *'which makes recommendations about which drugs and treatments should be low priority and which should be funded routinely. Advice from the Committee is considered by Oxfordshire Clinical Commissioning Group to help them make difficult decisions about which treatments should be prioritised for NHS funding locally.'* <http://www.oxfordshireccg.nhs.uk/professional-resources/priority-setting/>

The Priorities Committee has a wide membership that includes GPs, pharmacists, NHS managers, NHS hospital consultants, and lay representatives.

- a) Where are the minutes of this committee held?

The minutes are held by South, Central and West Commissioning Support Unit who co-ordinate and manage the Committee meetings.

- b) In the interests of transparency, will OCCG agree to publish these minutes on its website?

Oxfordshire CCG is considering this request.

- c) Who are the lay representatives?

The lay representatives are members of the local Thames Valley Healthwatch organisations. The current representative is the Chief Executive Officer of Healthwatch Bucks. The Chair of the Committee is also a lay member.

- d) How were they selected?

The Thames Valley Healthwatch organisations nominated a representative to attend and will rotate the representative according to the venue in which the meetings are being held. The venue of Thames Valley Priorities Committee rotates annually so as to be held in each of the Thames Valley CCG areas. The lay chair was the chair of the previous MOBB (Milton Keynes, Oxfordshire, Buckinghamshire and Berkshire) Priorities Forum and was selected on this basis.

- e) How long is their term of office?

The term of office for the lay chair role is 12 months. The Healthwatch lay representatives will be rotated annually as described above.