

Press Release

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NHS Redditch and Bromsgrove CCG gets the green light

NHS Redditch and Bromsgrove Clinical Commissioning Group has received the green light to take control of the local NHS budget, following an announcement today by the NHS Commissioning Board.

A summary document released on Tuesday 22 January 2013, by the Board shows that Redditch and Bromsgrove Clinical Commissioning Group (NHS Redditch and Bromsgrove CCG) has been authorised without any conditions in the 'second wave' of authorisations.

This means the CCG has met all of the 119 criteria that were set out during a rigorous assessment process which involved reviewing its policies, visiting its staff, interviewing its leaders and assessing the work that the CCG is doing, and plans to do in the future, with stakeholders and patients.

The new statutory body, which was set up in shadow form early last year, will take full responsibility for commissioning hospital, community and mental health services for local people from 1 April 2013, overseeing a budget of approximately £182 million.

Dr Jonathan Wells, a local GP, is the Chair and Clinical Leader of Redditch and Bromsgrove CCG.

He said: "Having decisions about health services being driven by local clinicians will bring benefits to local people. We are delighted to gain authorisation and look forward to continuing to work with local people to improve our health services and will be innovative in our approach to commissioning."

"Over the next year our key priorities include tackling increasing emergency admissions; securing the best possible range of community services; reducing health inequalities across Redditch and Bromsgrove and maximising our 'Virtual Ward' for patients who would otherwise have needed to be admitted into hospital."

"We will also be launching our patients and public membership scheme to engage a representative proportion of the local community in our commissioning activity".

Simon Hairsnape, Chief Officer for Redditch and Bromsgrove CCG, said:

"We welcome this announcement and we look forward to rising to the next challenge, to demonstrate that we can be a highly-effective organisation with the skills, confidence and capability needed to serve the people of Redditch and Bromsgrove."

The CCG is made up of a partnership of 22 GP practices in Redditch and Bromsgrove with an elected board of local GPs, a secondary care specialist (hospital doctor) and an executive nurse member.

CCGs, set up by the Health and Social Care Act 2012, will replace Primary Care Trusts currently responsible for commissioning healthcare services, from April 2013. They will be independent statutory bodies within the NHS, accountable to their membership which consists of all of the GP practices in the area.

The NHS Commissioning Board is responsible for ensuring CCGs meet and maintain standards – as set out in the Health and Social Care Act 2012, the NHS Constitution and the NHS Outcomes Framework.

Authorisation is granted after experts have reviewed the CCG's policies, carried out site visits, interviewed its leaders and assessed its work with stakeholders and patients.

To find out more about Redditch and Bromsgrove CCG visit www.redditchandbromsgroveccg.nhs.uk

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- For more information about CCGs and the wave one authorisation process please go the NHS Commissioning Board website: <http://www.commissioningboard.nhs.uk/>
- For more information about NHS Redditch and Bromsgrove Clinical Commissioning Group please visit www.redditchandbromsgroveccg.nhs.uk
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