

Lessons learnt: Commissioning for Value

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Drivers for change...

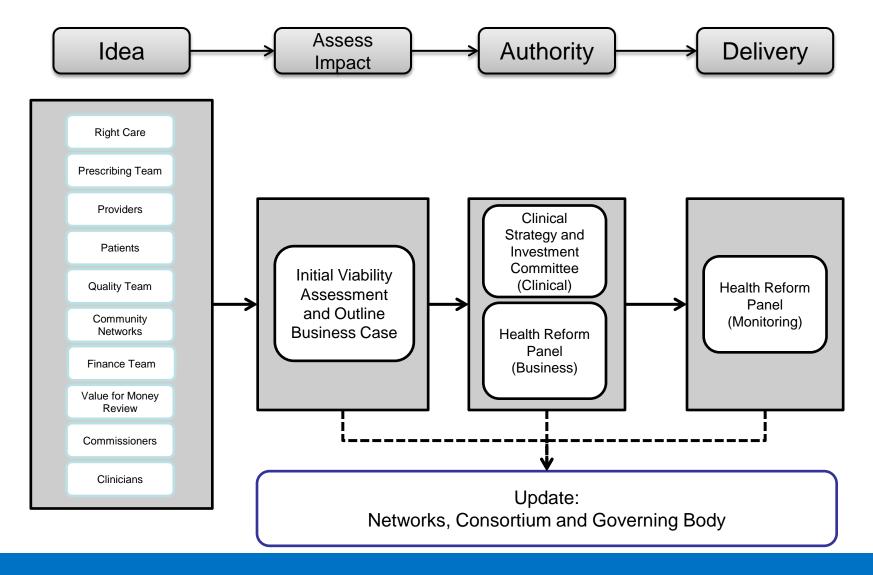
- Significant financial challenges
- Strong desire to streamline our approach to commissioning
 - Too many and only achieved about 6 out of 21 priorities
 - Need to revamp our internal prioritisation and monitoring regime
- Focus the work of our teams on areas that will generate best outcome clinically and financially
 - Combining with existing "Value for Money" assessment of existing services
- Opportunity to be early Rightcare adopter, including support from Prof. Cripps.

Where did we start...

- Assessment of Current Projects
 - What should we stop doing?
- Assessment of Right Care Packs
 - What are we missing?
 - Benchmarked performance and areas of opportunity
- Workshops for staff, GP members and public
 - Taking people with us
- Review of existing governance,
 - One point for decisions
 - Increase transparency
- Designing the Decision Tree
 - All projects assessed against single framework



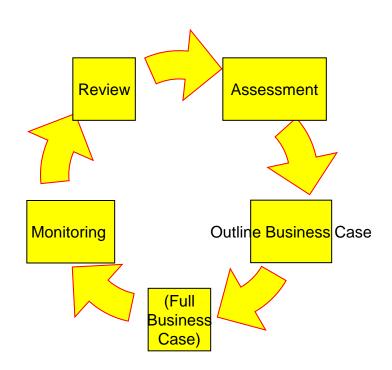
New Approval Process





Stages of Commissioning for Value

- 1. Initial Viability Assessment
- 2. Outline Business Case
- 3. (Full Business Case)
- 4. Monitoring
- 5. Post Implementation Review



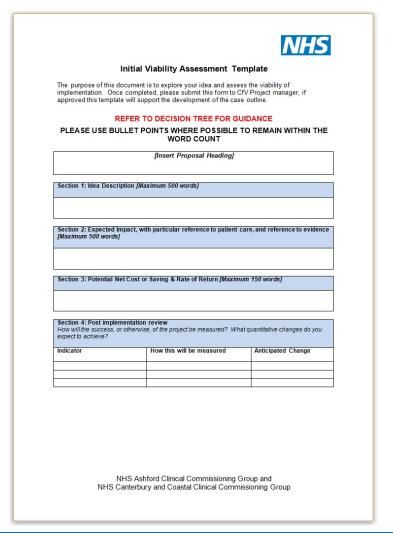
Identifying projects Multiple sources for Ideas

- Commissioners
- NHS Right Care
- Prescribing Team
- Value for Money
- Quality Team
- Community Networks
- Finance Team
- Patients
- Clinicians
- Providers

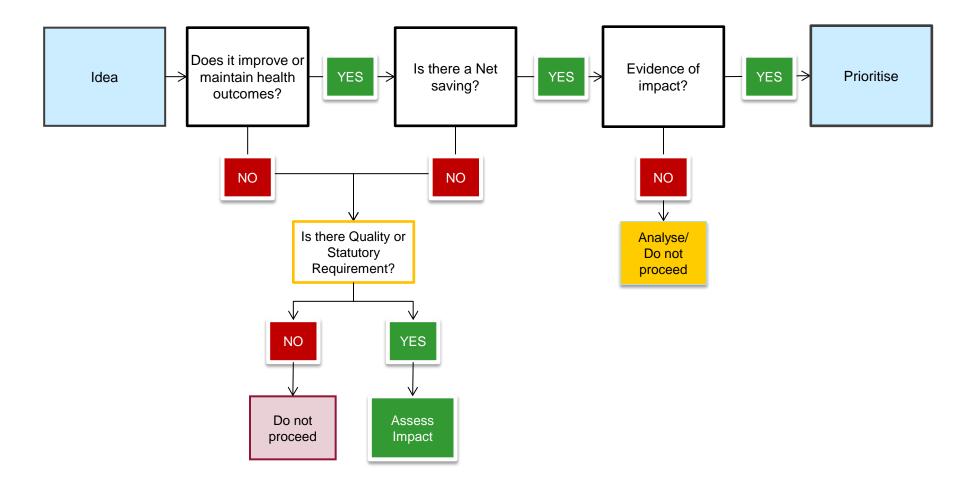


Initial Viability Assessment

- The Technical Support
 Group will support
 "commissioners" in
 completing the form
- The form will then be submitted CfV Project Manager
- Presented to the Health Reform Panel by CfV
 Project Manager for decision and identification of Project Lead.



Decision Tree



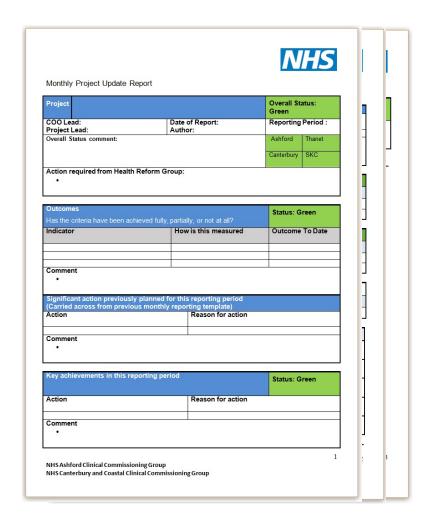
To manage an improvement programme



...it needs to be monitored!

Monthly Reporting

- Once approved the project will move into the implementation and delivery phase
- The Health Reform Panel oversees progress on delivery and receives monthly reports on all the projects.
- A date will be set to complete the Post Implementation Review.
- Monthly Reporting will continue until the project reaches its completion (agreed by Health Reform Panel)



Monitoring

 This is designed to be a supportive process.

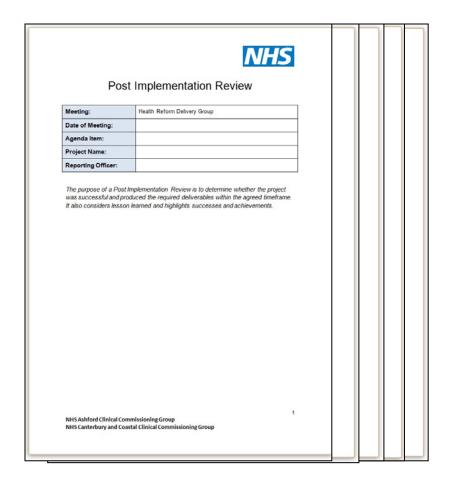


- It is performance monitoring the project not the Project Manager
- Opportunity to seek support to clear blockages (escalation process)
- Better to be critical of project performance to get assistance early



Post Implementation Review

- This is carried out by the CfV Project Manager with support from the Project Lead and Technical Support Group
- The form is submitted to the Health Reform Panel to review and decide the future of the project.



The PIR has 3 outcome options

Panel outcome:

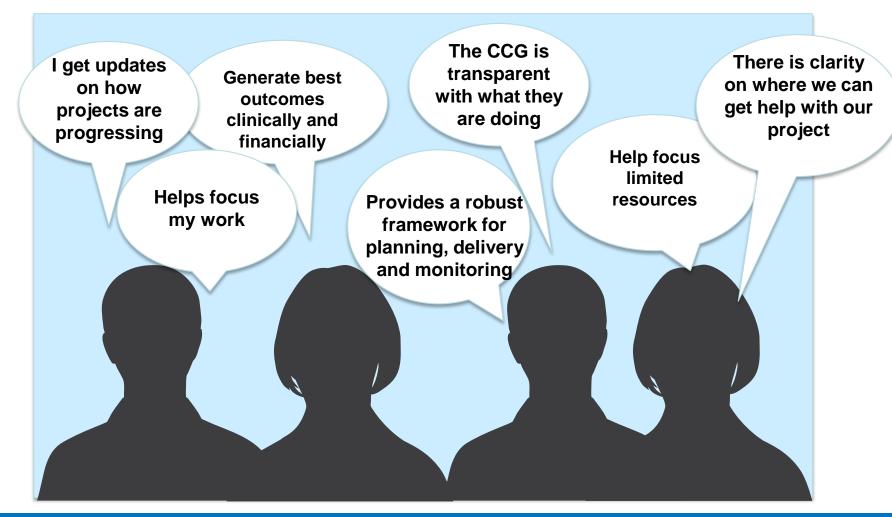
Continue – Now business as usual and contractual monitoring process put in place.

Modify — Modification to be formed and submitted to panel for agreement

Cease – Exit strategy to be implemented

Lessons learned will be shared across projects

What do our colleagues and public say?



Was it worth it?

- ✓ Helps us meet CCG Improvement and Assessment Framework
 - Fits with 4/6 Clinical Priorities
 - Right Care identified these as areas of focus before IAF was published
- Helped provide answers to high pressure areas
 - MSK Triage
 - 21.8% reduction in primary care referrals in Ashford, 9.4% reduction in Canterbury
 - Dermatology
 - Establishment of pilot Advice and Guidance Service
 - Planned Care Demand Management
 - Implementation of Desk Based Referral Support tool in all practices in Ashford and Canterbury
 - Spinal Surgery/Pain Pathway
 - Establishment of enhanced Community Pain Service with target of 1 injection per year is adhered to
- Don't underestimate impact of cultural change



- When challenged, people support evidence based decision making, even when it goes against their perceived wisdom
- Development of 'whole cost' variation models not just looking at secondary care referrals, activity and expenditure
- Introduce as part of contracting discussions across providers
- Important to introduce IVA to avoid time wasting on non-viable business cases
- Introduction of PIR process ensures new projects are fully assessed before ongoing funds are committed
- Smoother governance processes/appropriate separation of consideration of business aspect of cases from clinical assessment

