

**BOARD PAPER - NHS ENGLAND**

**Title:** CCG authorisation and assurance committee update

**Clearance:**

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**Purpose of paper:**

- To provide an update on discussions and actions following the CCG authorisation and assurance committee held in July 2013.

**Key issues and recommendations:**

The committee:

- undertook the second post-authorisation review of the conditions and legal directions for 105 CCGs across all four waves of authorisation; and
- considered the scope of its role and proposed amendments to its terms of reference.

**Actions required by Board Members:**

The Board is asked to:

- note this update on the decisions of the committee of 16 July 2013; and
- agree the proposed delegated authority to initiate intervention where necessary.

## **CCG authorisation and assurance committee update**

### **Executive summary**

This paper provides an update on the Board's committee on clinical commissioning group authorisation ("the committee").

### **Introduction**

1. The committee reported to the board in May that it had authorised CCGs in all four waves, and had completed the first post-authorisation review of the conditions that had been imposed on the first three waves of CCGs.
2. The committee met again on 16 July 2013 to conclude the second review all remaining conditions.

### **CCG authorisation decisions**

3. The second post-authorisation conditions review has considered all conditions for CCGs across all waves. In total, 105 CCGs were reviewed. The sub-committee agreed that 46 be fully authorised; that conditions remain for 51 CCGs; and that conditions and legal directions remain for 8 CCGs.
4. The sub-committee agreed to revoke legal directions for six CCGs, and to vary of legal directions for three CCGs. In all cases, the variations reduce the scope of the directions, reflecting the progress of these CCGs.
5. These decisions were notified to each CCG on 22 July 2013 and published through the CCG bulletin on 25 July 2013.
6. The complete list of CCGs fully authorised and authorised with conditions is available on the NHS England website, alongside the full text of the varied directions issued to the relevant CCGs.
7. The committee also agreed revised terms of reference. The committee proposes to increase its scope to provide comprehensive oversight of CCG development and assurance. In line with its previous delegated authority to make decisions with regard to CCG authorisation, the committee proposes that the Board delegate authority to the committee for decisions on the use of any intervention powers. Minor amendments to the committee's membership are also proposed on this basis. The proposed new terms of reference have been incorporated into the committee handbook which is due to be published shortly on the NHS England website.

## **Recommendations**

8. The Board is asked to:

- note this update on the decisions of the committee of 16 July 2013; and
- agree the proposed delegated authority to initiate intervention where necessary.

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