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Dear Colleague

CCG COMMISSIONING SUPPORT MAKE SHARE BUY ADVICE

During engagement with NHS England, NHS Clinical Commissioners and the NHS Commissioning Assembly many CCGs have said that they would welcome advice to help them assure and decide which commissioning support arrangements might best meet their needs.

Today we publish “**Make, Share, Buy**” advice that is intended to guide CCGs through commissioning support strategies and decisions. The advice has been co-developed with CCGs, providers, other stakeholders and industry best practice.

The advice sets out the key steps and tools that may be used in the decision making process to enable a CCG to be confident that they are choosing the best support so that they can deliver the best outcomes for the patient.

We would suggest that even if they are satisfied with existing commissioning support arrangements, CCGs may find it useful to go through this process to help ratify their decisions and to help inform any conversations they are having with suppliers, for example, in relation to SLA renegotiation.

For the avoidance of doubt, we would like to emphasise that the “**Make, Share, Buy**” advice is voluntary – for CCGs to use in full or part as they wish – and reflects CCGs’ right to choose how and from whom they source their commissioning support services.

This advice will continue to develop as we receive feedback from CCGs on how it is used and where it can be improved so we would be grateful if you could send any feedback to commissioning.support@nhs.net

Yours sincerely,



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