

# Buckinghamshire Shadow Health and Wellbeing Board: Update

## NHS Future Forum

The Government has asked the NHS Future Forum to begin a [second phase of the Listening Exercise](#). The Forum will provide independent advice on the following themes:

- **information**: how to make information improve health, care and wellbeing
- **education and training**: how to develop the healthcare workforce to deliver world-class healthcare
- **integrated care**: how to ensure the Government's modernisation programme leads to better integration of services around people's needs
- **the public's health**: how to ensure the public's health remains at the heart of the NHS

The Forum will report back to ministers later this year.

## Developing Clinical Commissioning Groups: Towards Authorisation

The draft document outlines the details of the development and authorisation process for Clinical Commissioning Groups (CCGs). It reveals that by as early as October emerging CCGs should be rated red, amber or green, based on the likelihood of whether their size and shape will be approved.

The document states that CCGs can be authorised and become statutory bodies from October 2012. They will be required to "demonstrate an adequate level of competence... and the potential to achieve excellence in future" in the following areas:

- A strong clinical and professional focus which brings real added value;
- Meaningful engagement with patients, carers and their communities;
- Clear and credible plans which continue to deliver the quality, innovation, productivity and prevention challenge within financial resources, in line with national outcome standards and local joint health and wellbeing strategies;
- Proper constitutional and governance arrangements, with the capacity and capability to deliver all their duties and responsibilities including financial control as well as effectively commission all the services for which they are responsible;
- Collaborative arrangements for commissioning with other CCGs, local authorities and the NHS Commissioning Board as well as the appropriate external commissioning support
- Great leaders who individually and collectively can make a real difference.

The final authorisation framework will be confirmed in a later publication.

To access the draft document, please follow the link below:

<http://www.hsj.co.uk/Journals/2011/08/11/r/e/e/AuthorisationFramework.PDF>