

ADULT COMMISSIONERS - TERMS OF REFERENCE

Purpose

Through effective partnerships between Health and Social Care organisations in Buckinghamshire to achieve sustainable, appropriately integrated health and adult social care delivery and quality outcomes.

Accountability

Through the delegated authority of chief officers or nominated leads accountable for joint decision making and / or delivery.

Functions

General

- Manage the overall agenda for the Partnership and set priorities

Service improvement

- To develop the strategic direction and co-ordinate strategic thinking and analysis
- To modernise and optimise health and adult social care delivery across the whole system
- To achieve the targets set out in the NHS and Buckinghamshire adult social care service plans
- To coordinate the commissioning and reshaping of Buckinghamshire services
- To promote models of seamless health and adult social care which are people focussed, deliver excellent outcomes and maximise productivity and efficiency.
- To encourage the development of a flexible workforce in order to optimise the application of skills and competencies

Managing the health and social care economy across the Partnership

- To manage the system wide aspects of modernisation and development (capacity, workforce, access and the NSFs)
- To ensure that capacity and demand are in balance to enable service targets throughout the NHS Plan and Buckinghamshire adult social care service plans are achieved.
- To foster the use of resources that address the health and adult social care needs of the population of Buckinghamshire, taking account of the variations in population

Communication and exchange of information

- To foster and maintain external relations
- To communicate within and across the Partnership organisations to enable the vision of the Partnership to be achieved

Evaluation and monitoring

- To evaluation and monitor progress against the strategic goals and the system wide targets within the NHS Plan and Buckinghamshire adult social care service plans are achieved.

- To account for its collective actions

Meetings

The partnership will meet monthly.

Sub-groups of the Partnership

A range of sub-groups will support the working of the Partnership including:

- Older People's Partnership Board
- Learning Disability Partnership Board
- Mental Health Partnership Board
- Physical and Sensory Disability Partnership Board
- Scheduled Care Leadership Group
- Unscheduled Care Leadership Group

Membership

Janet Fitzgerald	Chief Executive, Buckinghamshire PCT
Rita Lally	Strategic Director, Adult Social Care, BCC
Peter Loose	Head of Commissioning and Service Improvement, BCC
Dr Geoff Payne	Professional Executive Committee Chairman, Buckinghamshire PCT
Kerry Stevens	Head of Service Provision, BCC
Jane Taptiklis	Head of Joint Care Commissioning, Buckinghamshire PCT

Representatives from Practice Based Commissioning Collaboratives to be invited
Finance representatives from the County Council and the PCT to attend as and when necessary