

FOI Request: CCG Commissioning Intentions
Our Reference Number: 1314004

1. A list of healthcare services/contracts for which the CCG intends to commence or complete the commissioning process during 2013/14.

Collaborative commissioning with neighbouring Castle Point and Rochford CCG as follows:

Endoscopy services
Community vasectomy service
Community cardiac diagnostic service

Sole commissioning by Southend CCG:
Community Dermatology

2. For each service/contract listed in response to question 1, please list:

a) the existing provider/s (if any)

b) the date at which the current contract started and is scheduled to end

c) the estimated or confirmed total lifetime value of the expiring contract, and

d) whether the CCG currently intends to hold an open procurement for the service/contract

a) Queensway Medical Centre, Chartwell Hospital, Southend Hospital, Basildon Hospital, Oak Road Surgery - Canvey, b) Selection of accredited GPs, c) SUHFT, Highlands Surgery, d) Southend Medical Centre.

Start/finish dates:

a) April 2013 to March 2014, b) annual contracts expiring 30th September or 31st March, c) annual contract expiring 31st March, d) 30th September 13.

Estimated lifetime value of contract:

a) none, b) 60k, c) 25k, d) 35k.

Intention to hold open procurement:

a) Yes, b) yes, c) yes, d) yes.

3. For each service/contract listed in response to question 1, please detail whether the existing contract (or similar arrangement for service provision) is limited to the CCG area or covers a larger geographical area (e.g. the former PCT area), and whether the newly commissioned service is intended to be limited to the CCG area or will cover other CCGs

Existing service coverage:

a) South East Essex, b) South East Essex, c) Southend CCG area, d) Partial Southend CCG area.

Proposed service coverage:

a, b & c) South East Essex, d) Southend CCG area.

4. Please confirm whether any internal or external legal advice has been sought by and/or provided to the CCG regarding the implications of The National Health Service (Procurement, Patient Choice and Competition) Regulations 2013 Part 2 (<http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukxi/2013/257/part/2/made>), either in general terms or in relation to a specified healthcare service/contract that the CCG intends or expects to commission. If such legal advice has been provided, please supply it, or at least its conclusions as to whether an open procurement is legally necessary for the commissioning of healthcare services (specified or otherwise) under Part 2 of the 2013 Regulations. There is no expectation on the CCG to supply records of exchanges of views between itself and its legal advisers that may have formed the background to any legal advice

Procurement services are commissioned from the Central Eastern CSU including the provision of advice/guidance. Advice and guidance has been sought around legalities of procurement from Central Eastern CSU and is generally provided on a case per case basis, CCG governing body members attended a procurement seminar which clearly detailed the requirements under the regulations.