

From April 2013 national changes mean GPs are responsible for planning and funding a number of local health services.

Across Dorset, Bournemouth and Poole, this organisation is called NHS Dorset Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG). We are made up of all 100 GP practices in Dorset, Bournemouth and Poole, making us one of the largest CCGs in England.

NHS Dorset CCG is made up of:

- 13 localities which are groups of GPs surgeries; each locality has a lead GP and this GP sits on our governing body. Details of these localities are available online at www.dorsetccg.nhs.uk;
- six Clinical Commissioning Programmes to make sure that the GPs are able to understand how local services work and what the patient experience is of local services are. These are:
 - Mental health and learning disabilities
 - Maternity, sexual and family health
 - Musculo-skeletal and trauma
 - General medical
 - Cardio-vascular disease, stroke and diabetes
 - Cancer and end of life

We employ support staff so our clinical staff can concentrate on the bigger, strategic issues, and still have time to see their patients.

Our governing body also has other medical people on it, lay people and managers from NHS Dorset CCG. It is our governing body that takes all the key decisions.

Our responsibility is to fund services in hospitals and in the community but not services from dentists, pharmacists, opticians or member GPs. There are also a number of specialist health services that are not funded as these are funded on a wider basis as they need specific support.

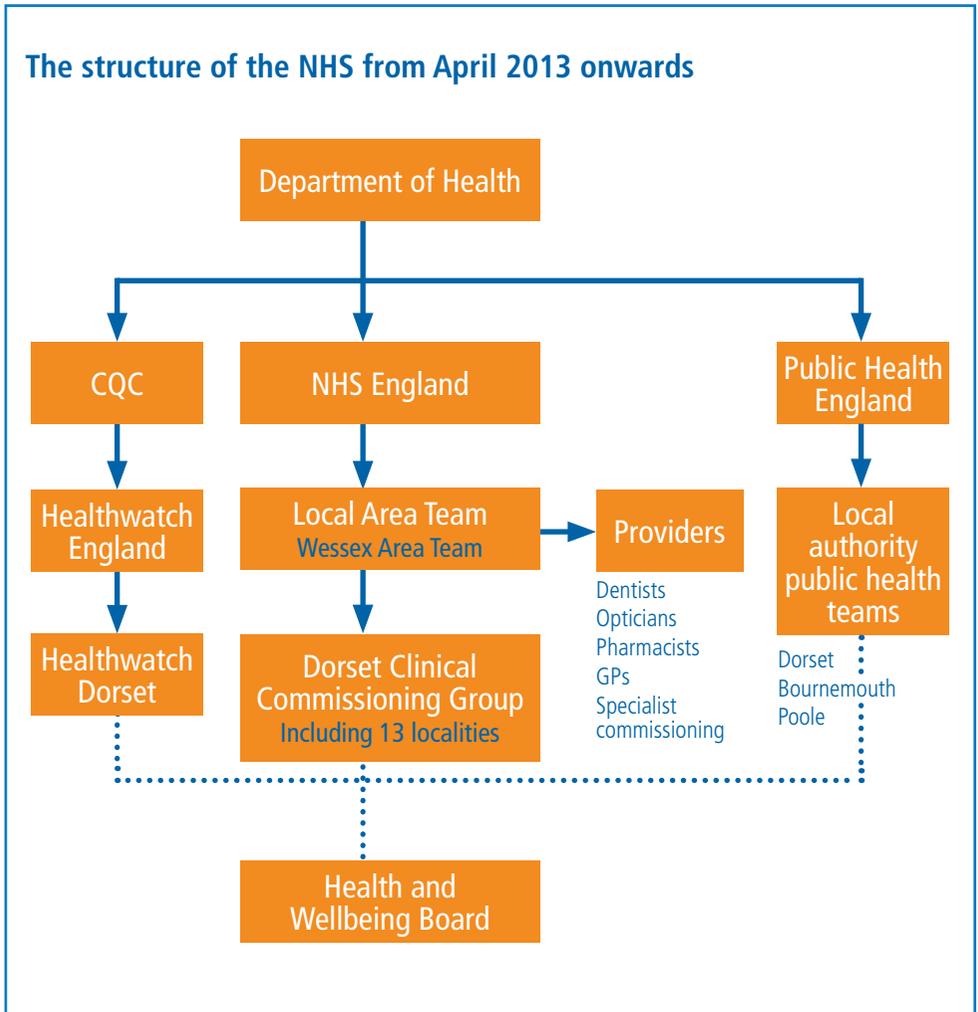
We report our progress on a regular basis to the Department of Health through NHS England. A local team covering Hampshire, Dorset and the Isle of Wight holds responsibility for funding services not covered by us and works to make sure local and national targets are met and that local services remain at a high quality.

We are also part of the Health and Wellbeing Boards which are run by local authorities to develop and monitor the major health and wellbeing priorities for the area.

There are two health and wellbeing boards in Dorset - one run by Dorset County Council, and one run jointly between Bournemouth and Poole Councils.

These Boards are made up of representatives from a number of

organisations including NHS, the voluntary sector and local authorities along with councillors and GPs. They set the direction for health and wellbeing across the area and work together to make sure that people still receive the best possible care.



Our organisation - NHS Dorset CCG - is responsible for planning, developing and funding a number of local health services including:

- planned hospital care at local hospitals;
- urgent and emergency care e.g. A&E, ambulance services, out of hours care and the upcoming 111 service;
- rehabilitation care;
- community health services, including (where appropriate) services provided by GP practices that go beyond the scope of the GP contract;
- mental health and learning disability services including psychological therapies);
- maternity and family services including children's healthcare services;
- NHS continuing healthcare.

The national body Public Health England and the local authorities hold responsibility for Public Health initiatives which were previously part of the Primary Care Trust.



NHS Dorset CCG has a very clear set of strategic principles that will guide its work:

- designing services around patients;
- preventing ill health and reducing inequalities;
- ensuring sustainable healthcare services;
- enabling care closer to home.

There are a number of key areas for service development that the CCG will be focussing on in 2013/14 which are outlined in more detail in the Annual Delivery Plan. The initial delivery priorities that have been agreed for 2013/14 are:

- improving dementia diagnosis and services;
- reducing avoidable emergency admissions;
- reducing preventable deaths.

To view the strategy and annual plan visit www.dorsetccg.nhs.uk

How to contact us

More information on the NHS Dorset CCG is available via our website at www.dorsetccg.nhs.uk however if you have any questions please feel free to contact us via feedback@dorsetccg.nhs.uk