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REPORT TO:	HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD (CROYDON) 11 February 2015
AGENDA ITEM:	7
SUBJECT:	Primary Care (Medical Services) Co-Commissioning
BOARD SPONSOR:	Paula Swann, Chief Officer, NHS Croydon Clinical Commissioning Group
CORPORATE PRIORITY/POLICY CONTEXT: This report is for information only	

1. RECOMMENDATION

- 1.1 The health and wellbeing board is asked to note the contents of the report. Any questions should be directed to the report author outside of the meeting.

2. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- 2.1 NHS Croydon CCG in conjunction with NHS England and SWLCCGs has agreed to make an application to jointly co-commission primary care medical services from 1st April 2015 through a joint committee.
- 2.2 Co-commissioning describes two or more commissioners coming together, where a shared interest exists, to commission health services for local populations. It is the mechanism offered by NHS England to involve CCGs in the commissioning of primary care contractual arrangements. Co-commissioning is one of many changes set out in the NHS Five Year Forward View. It is expected that co-commissioning will form a key enabler in developing seamless integrated out of hospital services for local people as it supports the joining up of previously fragmented services. It also recognises the important role GPs play in commissioning and the provision of health services.

3. DETAIL

- 3.1 The expected benefits of joint commissioning of primary care medical services are:
 - services that are more responsive to local needs, and designed in accordance with patients' expectations.
 - improved quality of primary care provision, both within CCGs and across SWL.
 - greater consistency in the provision of primary care services across SWL, including greater consistency of outcomes for SWL's population.
 - greater stability in the provision of primary care.

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- a primary care sector that, as part of broader out-of-hospital provision, has greater capacity and capability to address the local population's healthcare needs
- 3.2 It is recognised that local stakeholders including patients and the public need to have a greater voice in the commissioning of primary care services, and therefore this has been addressed in the membership of the Joint Committee.
- 3.3 The challenges of managing conflicts of interest robustly are also recognised and are reflected in the governance arrangements for the Joint Committee which adhere to the latest NHSE guidance.

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BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

None