Stewart Townsend LOC Chair

Enhanced services 2014-

History

- Many schemes put in place pre-LOCSU
- Historic issues with getting 'new blood' into schemes
- Evolved into a full suite of interests
- Most areas around the country have one or no scheme

NHS and change

- The NHS has re organised 3 times since these schemes started
- Diabetes has been put into the remit of Public Health
- We are now governed by Area teams and CCG's
- We will soon all have to work to the Standard NHS contract

The Company Model

- The LOC, as a statutory body, cannot hold commercial contracts
- It has historically bid for work on behalf of a unified profession in Staffordshire
- The LOC company model allows a us to have a commercial arm to bid for work

Benefits

- The company can simplify the bidding for contracts by doing all the 'nitty gritty' admin and contract maintenance on behalf of any number of practitioners
- It can offer competitive and comprehensive delivery to a wide patient base
- It can simplify the accreditation process and allow new practitioners to join schemes more easily
- It offers the chance for people to be clinical leads



Disadvantages

- It costs time and money to run
- It means that protocols have to be followed closely
- It requires unified IT and infrastructure

What have we done?

- SPECS is now wound up
- Shropshire and Staffordshire Eyecare Services now exists and has 3 directors from each LOC
- This matches the Area Team and has synergies as Shropshire and Telford have similar ophthalmology issues to North Staffs

What have we done?

- Met with CCG and been assured they intend to re commission all the services.
- They intend to commission via the company model
- This will be using the new Standard NHS contract

What are the challenges?

- ▶ Is our IT good enough? Metastorm vs Webstar
- Have we got clinical leads?
- How will it be paid for?
- Are the fees right?
- Are our schemes robust and aligned with LOCSU thinking and local needs?
- Have we got admin capacity?
- Will Wakefield be able to pay us?

What about the South?

- The 4 south Staffs CCGs are all looking at future ophthalmology provision
- Looking to model along similar lines to North Staffs
- May not dive into the company model

What are we trying to do?

- A unified set of pathways across Staffordshire
- A simple contracting and accreditation process
- A unified IT platform
- A chance for any practitioner to be involved in any scheme *Terms and conditions apply
- To let you give excellent care to your patients

What next?

- As of April 1st new arrangements should be in place
- Still plenty of work to do
- Please look at the website, call and email Alison
- Get these bits of information ready-bills, passport, driving licence, CET record, indemnity insurance

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Access to clinician only section- contact Alison



Any Questions?