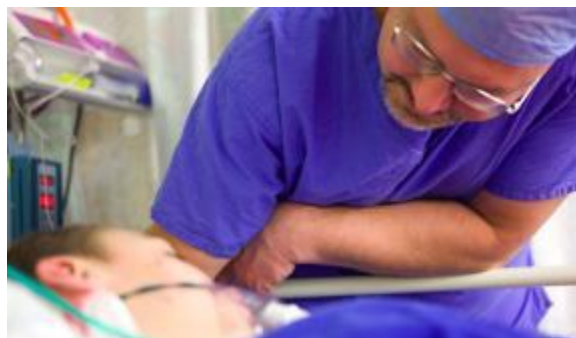
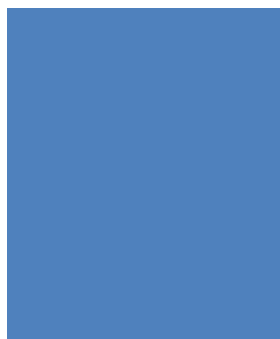


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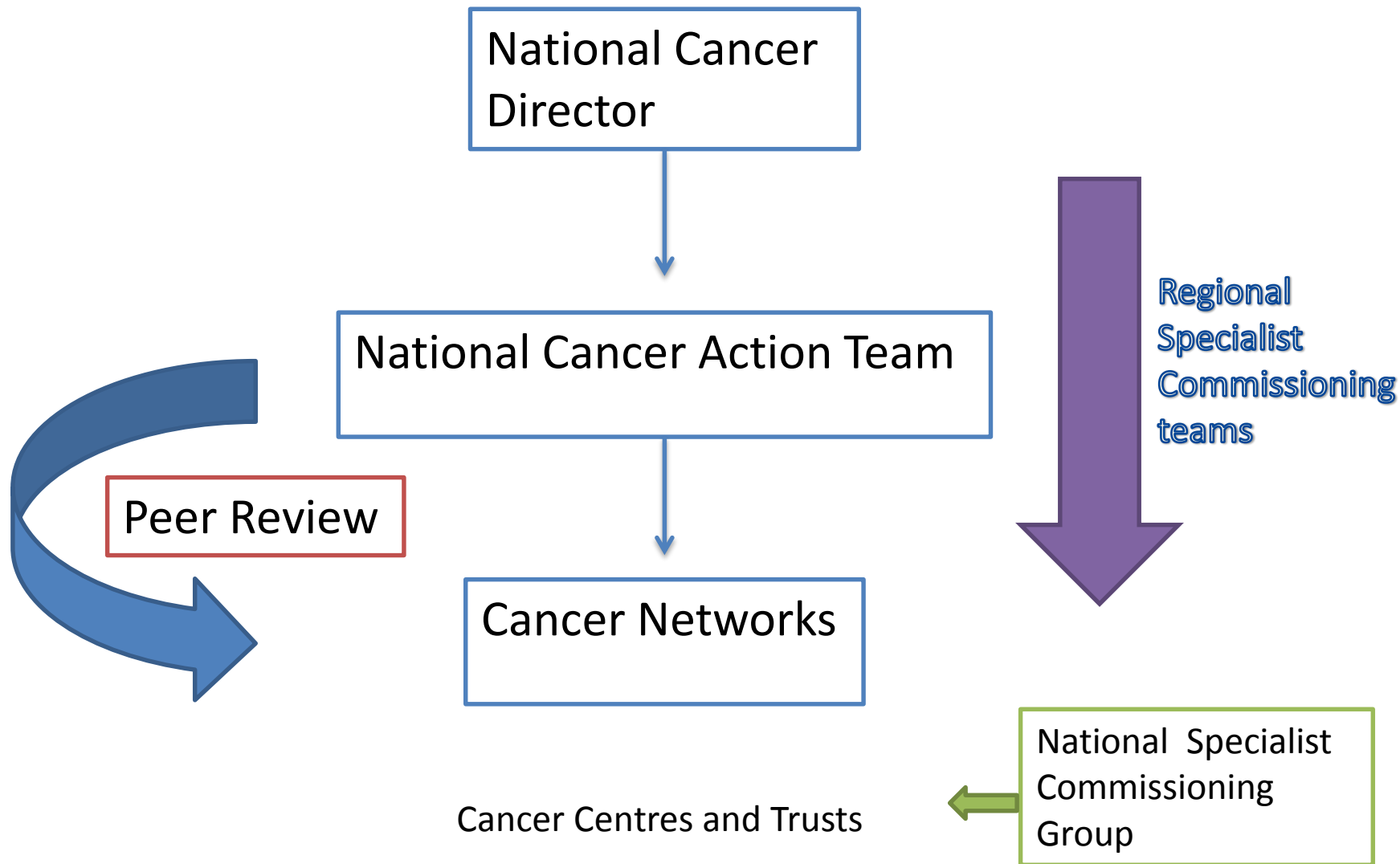
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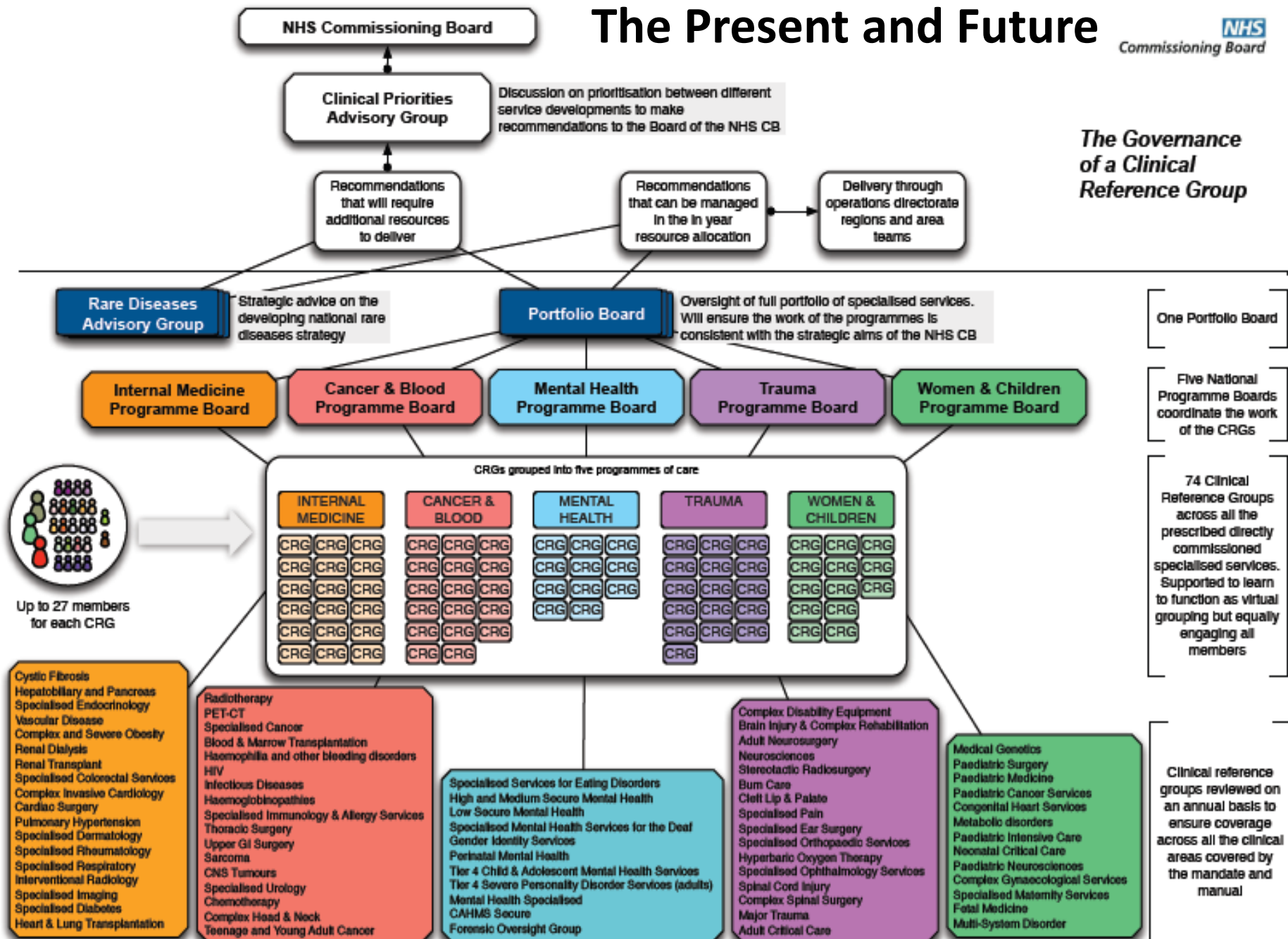
Jeremy Whelan  
CRG Chair  
March 2014



## The Recent Past



**NHS**  
Commissioning Board



# The Context for Commissioning NHS Outcomes Framework

Domain 1	Preventing people from dying prematurely;
Domain 2	Enhancing quality of life for people with long-term conditions;
Domain 3	Helping people to recover from episodes of ill health or following injury;
Domain 4	Ensuring that people have a positive experience of care; and
Domain 5	Treating and caring for people in a safe environment; and protecting them from avoidable harm.

# The Context for Commissioning NHS Constitution

- Promoting equality and reducing inequalities
- Be excellent
- Live within our means

# What is Commissioning?

- **Process for planning, agreeing and monitoring services**
  - 211 Clinical Commissioning Groups
  - Public Health England
  - NHS England (27 Teams – operating as one)
    - Specialised services (10 Area from the 27)
    - Primary care
    - Offender health
    - Military health
    - Commissioning support units

# Clinical input into Commissioning

- 12 Clinical Senates
  - Helping CCGs, Health and Wellbeing Boards and NHS England make the best decisions about healthcare in their populations
- Strategic clinical networks
  - Cancer
  - Cardiovascular
  - Maternity and children, mental health, dementia and neurological conditions
- Operational Delivery Networks
- Clinical Reference Groups

# What about specialised services?

- are patient-centred and outcome based. The patient must be placed at the centre of planning and delivery. Commissioners, working with providers, must deliver improved outcomes for them across each of the five domains of the 2013/14 NHS Outcomes Framework;
- are fair, consistent throughout the country, ensuring that patients have equal access to services regardless of their location, and;
- Improve productivity and efficiency.

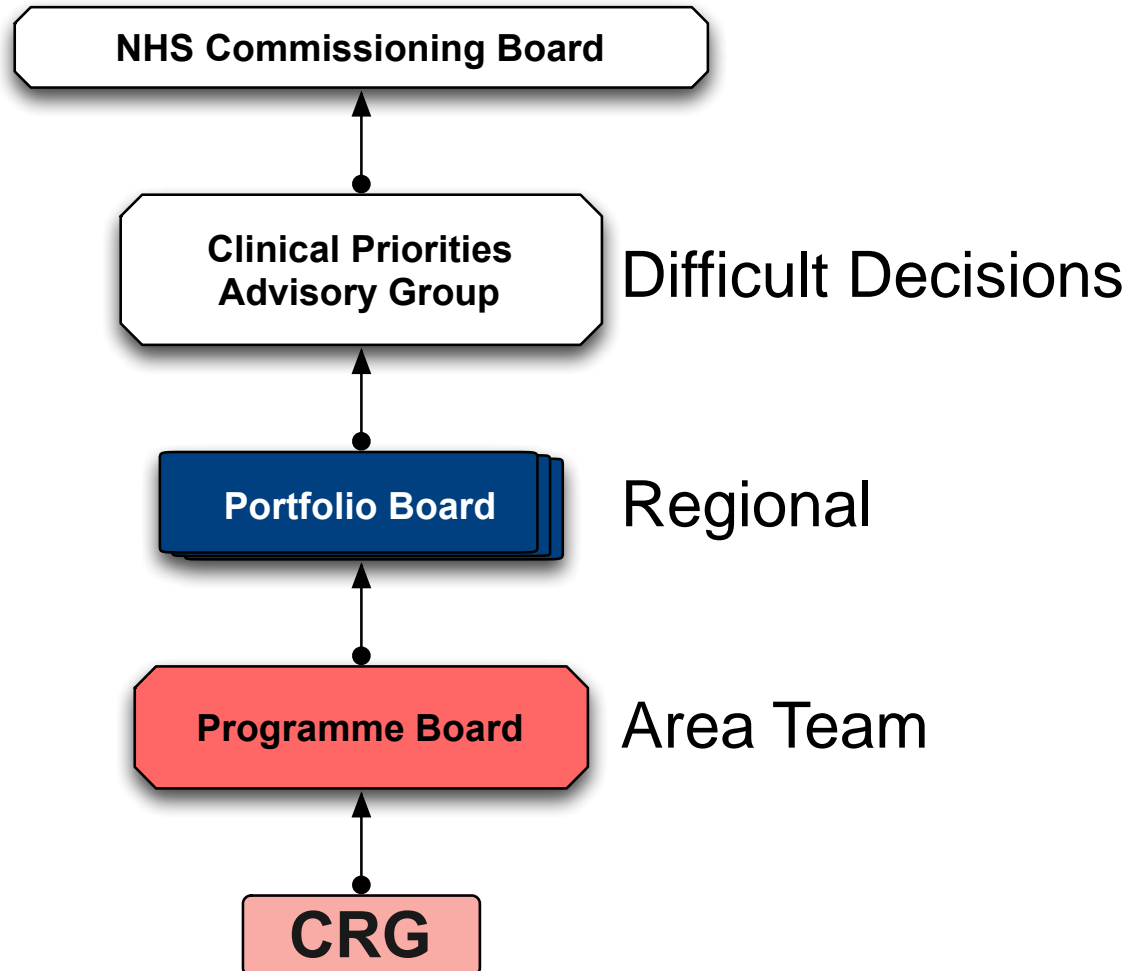


# What about specialised services?

- NHS England
- Five Programmes of Care
- 75 Clinical Reference Groups covering 143 specialised services
- 10 Area Teams linked to 4 Regions

# Specialist Commissioning-

## A single operating model

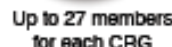


# Clinical Reference Groups

- Clinical membership of CRGs supported on a voluntary basis
- Patient and public involvement
- Stakeholders
- Responsible for producing 'contract products'
  - Service specifications/Clinical access policy/Quality measures and dashboards
- Regional and Area Teams responsible for contracting with specialist service providers and implementing CRG products

# Principles of CRG functioning

- Single source of clinical advice
- Equitable access to service planning
- Devolved clinical leadership
- Small single national team crosses directorates
- Linkage across all parts of NHS



# Sarcoma Clinical Reference Group

## STAKEHOLDER MAP

### SUPPLIER

Supplier/commercial organisation within or outside the NHS that plays a part in the supply chain of the functions relating to the service area. This may include a company developing drugs or devices for the service area

### OTHER ORGANISATION

Other organisation - this might include regulators, professional bodies, media and political organisations

### HEALTH SECTOR PARTICIPANT

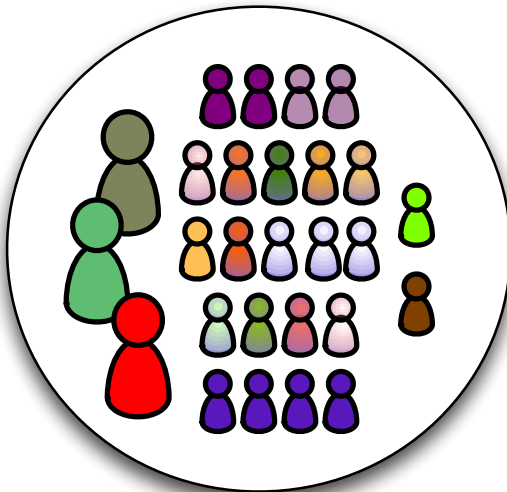
Health and social care service provider or commissioner interested in a particular CRG service area

### INDIVIDUAL PARTICIPANT

Patients, carers, members of provider staff or members of the public. These participants do not represent an organisation but as individuals are interested in influencing future service development.

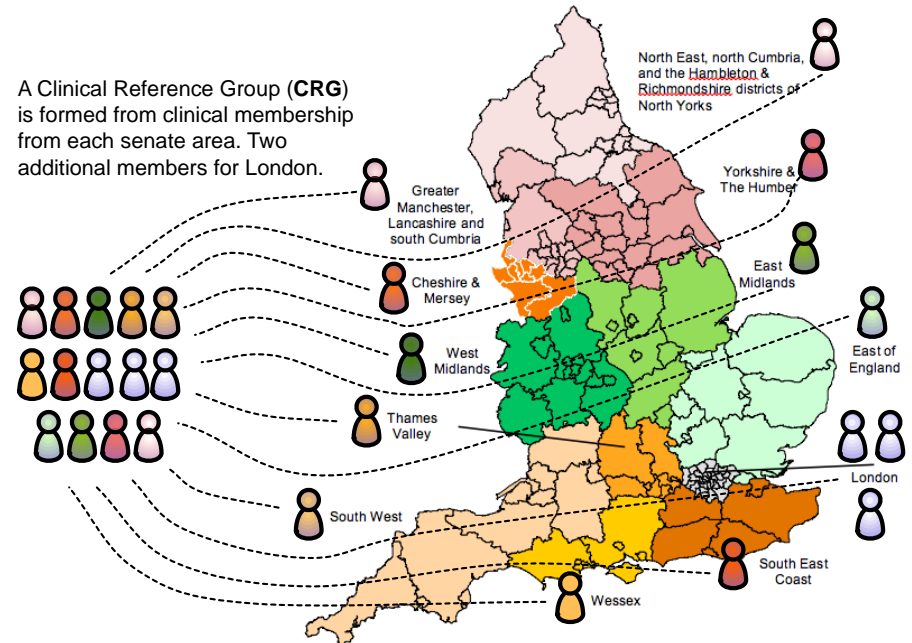
### PATIENT OR CARER ORGANISATION

Patient or carer organisation that directly or indirectly represents the interests of people who use the services covered by the CRG. They may provide direct support for the PPE Members on the CRG.



### Clinical Members from each senate area...

A Clinical Reference Group (CRG) is formed from clinical membership from each senate area. Two additional members for London.



## The Function of a Clinical Reference Group

The Clinical Effectiveness Team forms a key support structure for the formation of the products of commissioning. They will hold an annual budget to outsource work as required

**Innovation**  
health&wealth

Key linkage

Strategic  
Projects

Core  
Projects

**MSP**  
The work carried out across the clinical reference groups will follow the principles of **Managing Successful Programmes (MSP)**. Projects that are leading to one or more products will be known as 'core projects'. Other projects will be undertaken aligned to one of the five outcome domains and will be known as 'strategic projects'

Level 3
Advance notice specifications linked to comprehensive strategic plan developed with stakeholders
Level 2
Revised specification delivered with wide stakeholder engagement. Strong focus on outcomes from user perspective.
Level 1
First round specification for 2013/14

Level 3
Comprehensive service policies. Policies linked to clinical outcome measures
Level 2
Policies formed with evidence analysis.
Level 1
All 2012/13 policies identified and highest risk policies converged. Policies with limited oversight closed.

Level 3
Setting research questions. International benchmarking. Ideas generation.
Level 2
Innovation adoption included in service specification. Supporting innovation facilitation schemes.
Level 1
Innovation portfolio defined. Provider landscape of adoption published.

Level 3
Integration of CQUINs with service strategy and 3 year specification to lever change
Level 2
New CQUIN development to predefined templates to be included in pick list
Level 1
CQUIN in place in 2011/12 All identified CQUIN added to pick list.

2013
Review all scopes and manual contents fit for purpose. Identify services that have not been fully described and define the service scope.

Level 3
Nationally publicly reported provider performance against quality measures.
Level 2
Quality measures identified for each service linked to the domains of the outcomes framework
Level 1
Pilot quality measures and dashboards for 2012/13

Level 3
QIPP demonstrating improved quality, innovation and productivity
Level 2
Rolling programme of QIPP schemes identified and reviewed each year
Level 1
Identification of potential QIPP schemes for 2013/14 contracting round

Level 3
Contribution to the complete national standardised collection of all data sources
Level 2
Review of all local data collection sources with a view to improved standardisation
Level 1
Core information for 2013/14 information algorithm

Key linkage

Clinical databases support both the function of reporting on quality and outcome measures but may also support the counting of activity

**Cisco webex** Web Conferencing and Collaboration Solutions

There will be as many as 1900 people involved in clinical reference groups. In 2013 we will develop educational activities to improve member's IT skills in the utilisation of web conference facilities.



# What do we want to achieve?

1. Best possible care for all
2. All patients with newly diagnosed sarcoma will be referred to specialised sarcoma services
3. Improving sarcoma patient experience
4. Developing quality outcomes for sarcoma
5. Getting diagnosis right
6. Reducing unplanned operations
7. Clear pathways with other MDTs
8. Appropriate procedure prices
9. Radiotherapy standards
10. Chemotherapy standards



# What are the levers?

- Develop service specification
- Other products
  - 5 year strategy
  - NICE Quality Standard
- Work across other CRG's
- Work with LATs
- Disseminate through SAG's

# Developing Service Specifications

- Significant lag times and short deadlines
- Use plain English as far as possible
- Use cancer intelligence to support change/resolve ambiguity as far as possible.
- Where further work is required flag this to our work programme
- Integrate the primary malignant bone tumour specification with soft tissue sarcoma to produce one document
- All patients with newly diagnosed sarcoma will be referred to specialised sarcoma services.

**Sarcoma**

Strengths	Weaknesses
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>⊕ Expertise in centres and established multidisciplinary working based on NICE IOG, supported by peer review</li> <li>⊕ Expertise in centres and established multidisciplinary working based on NICE IOG, supported by peer review</li> <li>⊕ Clinical Reference Group working well</li> <li>⊕ Close alliance between patients and the public and professional community, including the British Sarcoma Group</li> <li>⊕ National clinical research programme</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>⊕ Diagnostic and treatment pathways inconsistent and confusing, with IOG ambiguities used to block access to specialist care</li> <li>⊕ Balance between local and centralised delivery of care uncertain due to lack of clarity of benefits</li> <li>⊕ Poor patient experience reported in national cancer patient experience survey</li> <li>⊕ Late diagnosis common and low awareness of sarcoma amongst professionals and public</li> <li>⊕ Future planning of services and resources fragmented at present</li> </ul>
Opportunities	Threats
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>⊕ NCIN defining variations in care especially for sup populations and supporting outcomes measurement</li> <li>⊕ CRG will allow definition and delivery of a national service with positive impact on outcomes</li> <li>⊕ Patients and public to partner strategic development and delivery of change</li> <li>⊕ New technologies, treatments and research (e.g. proton therapy, new drugs)</li> <li>⊕ Greater sub-specialisation and centralisation supported by clearly defined pathways for sub-groups</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>⊕ CRG failing to have impact through non-delivery or lack of recognition</li> <li>⊕ Local professional and public resistance to change</li> <li>⊕ Imbalance between competition and collaboration between specialist centres and between local service delivery</li> <li>⊕ Increased incidence and prevalence of sarcoma</li> <li>⊕ Insufficient professional skilled manpower to sustain future highly specialised care delivery</li> </ul>

# In summary

- Clinically led single commissioning system
- CRG specs at the heart of contracts with providers
- Potential to have a positive impact on patients
- Early days – we will get better at it
- Strategy developing
- Your input essential

# Big things

- Getting diagnosis right
- Defining specialist care – what is an MDT
- Local vs distant care
- Other site specific MDTs
- Very rare sarcomas/special groups
- Measuring improvement
- Finding the money
- The speed of change

Guidance on Cancer Services

# Improving Outcomes for People with Sarcoma

The Manual



March 2006

Developed by the National Collaborating Centre for Cancer

# Diagnosing sarcoma better

- Why is it a problem?
  - Rarity/diversity/NHS
- Consequences?
  - Distress/morbidity/survival
- What has been done?
  - 2WW/guidelines/diagnostic clinics
  - Education/awareness
- Is it working?
- What's next?

# What is specialist care?

- Something agreed by cancer networks?
- An MDT?
- Something that has been peer-reviewed?
- 100 STS p.a +/- 50 BS
- A centre which can treat sarcomas arising at all sites?
- A team?
- Guidelines and pathways?



# Are sarcoma MDTs the right size?

MDT	Number of new cases managed per year	Bone sarcoma
Combined 1	28	B 13
Combined 2	97	B 64
Combined 3	94	NA
Combined 4	237	NA
Combined 5	185	B 133
STS 1	29	
STS 2	109	
STS 3	46	
STS 4	36	
STS 5	38	
STS 6	21	
STS 7	75	
STS 8	166	
	1161	

**Statement 1.** Young people (aged 16–24 years) with cancer have their diagnosis, treatment and support agreed and delivered by a cancer-site-specific multidisciplinary team and a teenage and young adult multidisciplinary team.

**Statement 2.** Children and young people with cancer (aged 0–24 years) should be offered the opportunity to take part in clinical trials if they are eligible.

**Statement 3.** Children and young people receiving chemotherapy have it prescribed using an electronic prescribing system.

**Statement 4.** Children and young people with cancer, and their families and carers, have their psychological and social needs assessed at key points on their care pathway and receive support based on their identified needs.

**Statement 5.** Children and young people who have had a central nervous system malignancy receive a specialist neuro-rehabilitation care package.

**Statement 6.** Children and young people who have been treated for cancer have an end-of-treatment summary and care plan that includes agreed follow-up and monitoring arrangements.

**Statement 7.** Children and young people with cancer are assessed for potential future fertility problems and advised about their options for fertility preservation before treatment is started.