

**PATHOLOGY SERVICES TRANSFORMATION BOARD MEETING
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Transforming Pathology Services

Service Delivery Model Review Workshop

Introduction:

The Pathology Services Transformation Project Board (PSTPB) is reviewing the delivery of pathology services in the east of England in response to the Carter recommendations and the regional QIPP programme.

The PSTPB will make recommendations on the most appropriate pathology service delivery model to ensure services are delivered more effectively and efficiently through consolidation and working within managed networks. At least £30 million of efficiency savings are required

In June, the PSTPB established a Clinical Service Design Subgroup to review services from a clinical perspective and the Subgroup will recommend options for future consolidated service delivery in late July 2010.

Following this, these options will need to be tested against the requirements of GPs and commissioners, including practice based commissioners / GP Clusters.

Attendees:

All 13 PCTs within East of England will be invited to nominate a senior commissioner, responsible for the commissioning of pathology services, and the PBC Network will be asked to nominate one GP from local practice based commissioning / GP Clusters within each PCT area. We expect about 25 – 30 delegates.

Objectives:

The proposed workshop will provide an opportunity to test the service delivery model option(s) with GPs / commissioners to ensure the model(s) are fit for purpose and meet their needs. The workshop should address the following areas:

1. What are GP / commissioner expectations from a future pathology service?
2. Does the recommended model(s) meet GP / commissioner expectations?
3. What improvements are required to refine the models?
4. How will GP Clusters / commissioners deliver the future model?



5. What commissioning tools and support will be required for transformation delivery?

The workshop will be held on Tuesday 7th September 2010 at Homerton College, Hills Road Cambridge CB2 0QH.

Outputs:

The outputs expected from the workshop are:

1. Updated pathology service delivery model
2. Confirmation of satisfaction from the GPs and commissioners
3. Vision for the methodology for commissioning pathology services
4. Commissioning tools and support required for transformation delivery.

Facilitation:

The Transforming Pathology Workshop held on May 19th 2010 was a real success and was expertly facilitated by the NHS Institute for Innovation and Improvement. We will be engaging the NHS Institute for this workshop to maintain continuity.