

11 February 2014		ITEM: 7
Health and Well-being Overview and Scrutiny Committee		
NHS Thurrock Clinical Commissioning Group (TCCG) – Authorisation Update		
Report of: Mandy Ansell – Chief Operating Officer - TCCG		
Wards and communities affected: All wards	Key Decision: To note progress	
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Accountable Director: : Mandy Ansell – Chief Operating Officer - TCCG		
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Purpose of Report: To update HOSC on the progress of the CCG’s authorisation journey		

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

In April 2013, NHS Thurrock Clinical Commission Group was “authorised” as a statutory organisation but with a number of “conditions” and legal directions. In order to become authorised CCGs were assessed against 119 key lines of enquiry (KLOEs) which measured the competency of the CCG to operate as a safe and financially viable organisation capable of undertaking the role expected of commissioners.

On the 1st April 2013 TCCG had 37 remaining KLOEs and a number of legal directions which meant that it would be supervised, with a neighbouring CCG, in the negotiation and monitoring of the Basildon and Thurrock University Hospital contract, by NHS England.

The 37 KLOEs were assessed again in September 2013 and 10 remained following the quarterly review. These 10 pertained to 4 key themes:

- Organisational development and training for the governing body GPs;
- The constitution;
- Appointment of a permanent accountable officer;
- Election of the governing body for a 3 year term following a period of 9 months where the GP leaders came together on governing body.

The CCG undertook elections at the end of 2013 and a new governing body was installed on the 1st January 2014

Evidence was presented to NHS England in December against the 10 outstanding KLOEs and on 22nd January the CCG had its number of KLOEs reduced to 5.

The 2 themes remaining are:

- Organisational development and training for the new governing body GPs;
- Appointment of a permanent accountable officer.

A timetable is in place for the appointment of the permanent accountable officer and the executive team will continue the OD work with the governing body against a revised OD plan.

1. RECOMMENDATIONS:

- 1.1 HOSC is asked to note the excellent progress made by the CCG in 2013 in its authorisation journey and that systems and processes are in place to remove the final 5 conditions.**

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