

# Practice based commissioning and wider commissioning: useful weblinks (England only)

This document contains a selection of weblinks to Department of Health and GPC publications and guidance on practice based commissioning (PBC) and wider commissioning which you may find useful. It has been designed to help GPs and commissioners navigate around the plethora of guidance on the subject and keep up to date with current developments.

## CURRENT DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH GUIDANCE ON PBC

- **Practice based commissioning general (hubpage)**  
[www.dh.gov.uk/en/Policyandguidance/Organisationpolicy/Commissioning/Practice-basedcommissioning/index.htm](http://www.dh.gov.uk/en/Policyandguidance/Organisationpolicy/Commissioning/Practice-basedcommissioning/index.htm)
- **'Practice based commissioning: practical implementation' November 2006**  
[www.dh.gov.uk/en/Publicationsandstatistics/Publications/PublicationsPolicyAndGuidance/DH\\_062703](http://www.dh.gov.uk/en/Publicationsandstatistics/Publications/PublicationsPolicyAndGuidance/DH_062703)
- **'Practice based commissioning: practical implementation – what does this mean for practices?' November 2006**  
[www.dh.gov.uk/en/Publicationsandstatistics/Publications/PublicationsPolicyAndGuidance/DH\\_062703](http://www.dh.gov.uk/en/Publicationsandstatistics/Publications/PublicationsPolicyAndGuidance/DH_062703)
- **Detailed questions and answers on 'Practice based commissioning: practical implementation' November 2006**  
[www.dh.gov.uk/en/Policyandguidance/Organisationpolicy/Commissioning/Practicebasedcommissioning/FAQonly/DH\\_073137](http://www.dh.gov.uk/en/Policyandguidance/Organisationpolicy/Commissioning/Practicebasedcommissioning/FAQonly/DH_073137)
- **'Supporting practice based commissioning in 2007/08 by determining weighted capitation shares at practice level toolkit and guidance' January 2006**  
[www.dh.gov.uk/PublicationsAndStatistics/Publications/PublicationsPolicyAndGuidance/PublicationsPolicyAndGuidanceArticle/fs/en?CONTENT\\_ID=4127155&chk=f7Nx8B](http://www.dh.gov.uk/PublicationsAndStatistics/Publications/PublicationsPolicyAndGuidance/PublicationsPolicyAndGuidanceArticle/fs/en?CONTENT_ID=4127155&chk=f7Nx8B)
- **Practice based commissioning case studies (hubpage)**  
[www.dh.gov.uk/en/Policyandguidance/Organisationpolicy/Commissioning/Practice-basedcommissioning/DH\\_4127151](http://www.dh.gov.uk/en/Policyandguidance/Organisationpolicy/Commissioning/Practice-basedcommissioning/DH_4127151)
- **Practice based commissioning: all previous guidance (hubpage)**  
[http://www.dh.gov.uk/en/Policyandguidance/Organisationpolicy/Commissioning/Practice-basedcommissioning/DH\\_4127126](http://www.dh.gov.uk/en/Policyandguidance/Organisationpolicy/Commissioning/Practice-basedcommissioning/DH_4127126)

## OTHER RELEVANT DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH PUBLICATIONS

- **'Care and resource utilisation: ensuring appropriateness of care' December 2006**  
[www.dh.gov.uk/PublicationsAndStatistics/Publications/PublicationsPolicyAndGuidance/PublicationsPolicyAndGuidanceArticle/fs/en?CONTENT\\_ID=4141316&chk=iJxRx](http://www.dh.gov.uk/PublicationsAndStatistics/Publications/PublicationsPolicyAndGuidance/PublicationsPolicyAndGuidanceArticle/fs/en?CONTENT_ID=4141316&chk=iJxRx)
- **'How to identify opportunities for care and resource utilisation' May 2007**  
[www.dh.gov.uk/en/Publicationsandstatistics/Publications/PublicationsPolicyAndGuidance/DH\\_074960](http://www.dh.gov.uk/en/Publicationsandstatistics/Publications/PublicationsPolicyAndGuidance/DH_074960)
- **'A stronger local voice: A framework for creating a stronger local voice in the development of health and social care services' July 2006**  
[www.dh.gov.uk/PublicationsAndStatistics/Publications/PublicationsPolicyAndGuidance/PublicationsPolicyAndGuidanceArticle/fs/en?CONTENT\\_ID=4137040&chk=U6PSmq](http://www.dh.gov.uk/PublicationsAndStatistics/Publications/PublicationsPolicyAndGuidance/PublicationsPolicyAndGuidanceArticle/fs/en?CONTENT_ID=4137040&chk=U6PSmq)

- **Social Enterprise (hubpage)**  
[www.dh.gov.uk/en/Policyandguidance/Organisationpolicy/Commissioning/Socialenterprise/index.htm](http://www.dh.gov.uk/en/Policyandguidance/Organisationpolicy/Commissioning/Socialenterprise/index.htm)
- **Commissioning specialised services (hubpage)**  
[www.dh.gov.uk/en/Policyandguidance/Organisationpolicy/Commissioning/Commissioningspecialisedservices/index.htm](http://www.dh.gov.uk/en/Policyandguidance/Organisationpolicy/Commissioning/Commissioningspecialisedservices/index.htm)
- **Payment by results (PbR) (hubpage)**  
[www.dh.gov.uk/en/Policyandguidance/Organisationpolicy/Financeandplanning/NHSFinancialReforms/index.htm](http://www.dh.gov.uk/en/Policyandguidance/Organisationpolicy/Financeandplanning/NHSFinancialReforms/index.htm)
- **Payment by Results (PbR) in 2007-08**  
[www.dh.gov.uk/en/Publicationsandstatistics/Publications/PublicationsPolicyAndGuidance/DH\\_062914](http://www.dh.gov.uk/en/Publicationsandstatistics/Publications/PublicationsPolicyAndGuidance/DH_062914)
- **Framework for procuring External Support for Commissioners (FESC) February 2007**  
[www.dh.gov.uk/PublicationsAndStatistics/Publications/PublicationsPolicyAndGuidance/PublicationsPolicyAndGuidanceArticle/fs/en?CONTENT\\_ID=4143055&chk=y3WUAY](http://www.dh.gov.uk/PublicationsAndStatistics/Publications/PublicationsPolicyAndGuidance/PublicationsPolicyAndGuidanceArticle/fs/en?CONTENT_ID=4143055&chk=y3WUAY)
- **'Commissioning framework for health and well-being' March 2007**  
[www.dh.gov.uk/en/Publicationsandstatistics/Publications/PublicationsPolicyAndGuidance/DH\\_072604](http://www.dh.gov.uk/en/Publicationsandstatistics/Publications/PublicationsPolicyAndGuidance/DH_072604)
- **'Health reform in England: update and commissioning framework' July 2006**  
[www.dh.gov.uk/PublicationsAndStatistics/Publications/PublicationsPolicyAndGuidance/PublicationsPolicyAndGuidanceArticle/fs/en?CONTENT\\_ID=4137226&chk=D2YSig](http://www.dh.gov.uk/PublicationsAndStatistics/Publications/PublicationsPolicyAndGuidance/PublicationsPolicyAndGuidanceArticle/fs/en?CONTENT_ID=4137226&chk=D2YSig)
- **'The NHS in England: The operating framework for 2007/8' December 2006**  
[www.dh.gov.uk/en/Publicationsandstatistics/Publications/PublicationsPolicyAndGuidance/DH\\_063267](http://www.dh.gov.uk/en/Publicationsandstatistics/Publications/PublicationsPolicyAndGuidance/DH_063267)
- **Relationship between referral management schemes and practice based commissioning, May 2007**  
[www.dh.gov.uk/en/Publicationsandstatistics/Lettersandcirculars/Dearcolleagueletters/DH\\_074531](http://www.dh.gov.uk/en/Publicationsandstatistics/Lettersandcirculars/Dearcolleagueletters/DH_074531)
- **'Standards for better health' July 2004**  
[www.dh.gov.uk/en/Publicationsandstatistics/Publications/PublicationsPolicyAndGuidance/DH\\_063267](http://www.dh.gov.uk/en/Publicationsandstatistics/Publications/PublicationsPolicyAndGuidance/DH_063267)

## CURRENT GPC GUIDANCE ON PBC

- **Practice based commissioning (hubpage)**  
[www.bma.org.uk/ap.nsf/Content/Hubpracticebasedcommissioning](http://www.bma.org.uk/ap.nsf/Content/Hubpracticebasedcommissioning)
- **'Practice based commissioning in 2007-08: key issues' March 2007 (log-in required)**  
[www.bma.org.uk/ap.nsf/Content/pbckeyissues0307](http://www.bma.org.uk/ap.nsf/Content/pbckeyissues0307)
- **'Practice based commissioning (PBC) in 2007-08: detailed analysis of policy and guidelines' March 2007 (log-in required)**  
[www.bma.org.uk/ap.nsf/Content/pbdpolicy0307](http://www.bma.org.uk/ap.nsf/Content/pbdpolicy0307)
- **'Practices' entitlements and PCTs' responsibilities in respect of practice based commissioning in 2007-08, Model letter to a PCT from the LMC and/or GP practices' May 2007**  
[www.bma.org.uk/ap.nsf/Content/pbcmodelletter](http://www.bma.org.uk/ap.nsf/Content/pbcmodelletter)
- **'Employment of staff under practice based commissioning (PBC) and service provision arrangements' April 2007 (log-in required)**  
[www.bma.org.uk/ap.nsf/Content/staffunderpbc0407?OpenDocument&Highlight=2,employment,staff,pbc](http://www.bma.org.uk/ap.nsf/Content/staffunderpbc0407?OpenDocument&Highlight=2,employment,staff,pbc)
- **'Practice Based Commissioning: The commissioning plan and an agreement with the primary care trust (PCT)' May 2006 (revised April 2007) (log-in required)**  
[www.bma.org.uk/ap.nsf/Content/pbccomplan2~pbccomplan](http://www.bma.org.uk/ap.nsf/Content/pbccomplan2~pbccomplan)

- **'Practice based commissioning: consortium working' April 2006 (revised April 2007) (log-in required)**  
[www.bma.org.uk/ap.nsf/Content/pbccconsort04062](http://www.bma.org.uk/ap.nsf/Content/pbccconsort04062)
- **'The relationship between practice based commissioning (PBC) consortia and local medical committees (LMCs)' July 2007, (log-in required)**  
[www.bma.org.uk/ap.nsf/Content/PBCLMcs0707](http://www.bma.org.uk/ap.nsf/Content/PBCLMcs0707)
- **'Enhanced services and practice based commissioning' March 2007**  
[www.bma.org.uk/ap.nsf/Content/esanfloors0407?OpenDocument&Highlight=2,enhanced,services,pbc#Enhancedservicesandpracticeba](http://www.bma.org.uk/ap.nsf/Content/esanfloors0407?OpenDocument&Highlight=2,enhanced,services,pbc#Enhancedservicesandpracticeba)
- **'Payment of component 2 of the towards practice based commissioning directed enhanced service' March 2007**  
[www.bma.org.uk/ap.nsf/Content/comp2tpbcdes](http://www.bma.org.uk/ap.nsf/Content/comp2tpbcdes)
- **'Practice Based Commissioning: Division of freed up resources' (updated) April 2007**  
[www.bma.org.uk/ap.nsf/Content/PBCfreedup](http://www.bma.org.uk/ap.nsf/Content/PBCfreedup)

## PREVIOUS GPC GUIDANCE ON PBC FOR REFERENCE

- **GPC summary of Department of Health publication 'Practice based commissioning (PBC): achieving universal coverage' February 2006**  
[www.bma.org.uk/ap.nsf/Content/focustpbcdes~app1pbc?OpenDocument&Highlight=2,gpc,analysis,universal,coverage](http://www.bma.org.uk/ap.nsf/Content/focustpbcdes~app1pbc?OpenDocument&Highlight=2,gpc,analysis,universal,coverage)
- **'Focus on the towards practice based commissioning directed enhanced service' (England only) February 2006 (revised April 2007)**  
[www.bma.org.uk/ap.nsf/Content/focustpbcdes](http://www.bma.org.uk/ap.nsf/Content/focustpbcdes)
- **'Practice based commissioning: GPC guidance for GPs and local medical committees' (LMCs) March 2005**  
[www.bma.org.uk/ap.nsf/Content/pracbasecomm0305](http://www.bma.org.uk/ap.nsf/Content/pracbasecomm0305)
- **'Practice based commissioning – guidance for local medical committees (LMCs)' December 2004**  
[www.bma.org.uk/ap.nsf/Content/pracbasedcomm1204?OpenDocument&Highlight=2,practice,based,commissioning](http://www.bma.org.uk/ap.nsf/Content/pracbasedcomm1204?OpenDocument&Highlight=2,practice,based,commissioning)

## OTHER RELEVANT GPC & BMA GUIDANCE

- **'BMA principles for effective and successful commissioning' November 2006**  
[www.bma.org.uk/ap.nsf/Content/bmaeffectcomm](http://www.bma.org.uk/ap.nsf/Content/bmaeffectcomm)
- **'Framework for procuring external support for commissioners - BMA briefing and position statement' April 2007 (log-in required)**  
[www.bma.org.uk/ap.nsf/Content/frameextsupport0407?OpenDocument&Highlight=2,fesc](http://www.bma.org.uk/ap.nsf/Content/frameextsupport0407?OpenDocument&Highlight=2,fesc)
- **GPC summary of Department of Health publication 'Commissioning framework for health and well-being' April 2007**  
[www.bma.org.uk/ap.nsf/Content/Hubcommissioningserviceprovision](http://www.bma.org.uk/ap.nsf/Content/Hubcommissioningserviceprovision)
- **'Health reform in England: update and commissioning framework': GPC summary/analysis of new policy developments in relation to practice based commissioning August 2006**  
[www.bma.org.uk/ap.nsf/Content/commframeworkpbc](http://www.bma.org.uk/ap.nsf/Content/commframeworkpbc)
- **'GPC-CCSC Guiding principles for the establishment, objectives and continuing progress of referral management schemes' March 2007**  
[www.bma.org.uk/ap.nsf/Content/Referralmanagement?OpenDocument&Highlight=2,referral,management](http://www.bma.org.uk/ap.nsf/Content/Referralmanagement?OpenDocument&Highlight=2,referral,management)

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