

Calderdale Councillors' Accountable Care System Comprehension Test

1. Please read these two paragraphs carefully:

“In Calderdale, there is a strong desire to move towards a place based approach to health and social care, harnessing the contribution of both the statutory and community sectors, ensuring effective governance both clinical and democratically accountable, and defining better the role of the primary and acute system.” (Cover report to Cabinet, 12 February 2018)

“This is NOT about setting up a Calderdale Accountable Care Organisation...and it is important that we are very clear. This is about developing an alternative approach based on collaboration and cooperation instead of competition, committed to building partnerships and improving care from the ground up.” (A Calderdale Councillor, on facebook)

2. Please read these Cabinet recommendations carefully

We agreed the following recommendations:-

- To endorse, in principle, the approach to delivering a place-based health and social care system that will enable neighbourhoods to develop at their own pace.
 - To endorse, in principle, the alignment of in-scope service budgets.
 - To ensure shared commitment to reducing inequalities in both access and outcomes;
 - To maintain clarity about the boundaries between health and social care in terms of payment and means testing, ensuring that health remains free at the point of access;
 - To invite scrutiny to consider and comment on the proposals; and
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- To seek to agree a memorandum of understanding between key partners which sets out the basis for our partnership approach to realise our ambitions for better health and care in Calderdale.- Hope that is helpful - cheers Cllr Dave Young.

3. Councillors! Test your understanding of Calderdale Accountable Care System - Parts A & B

(Parts A & B cover the two paragraphs in section 1, above)

PART A

1. What is a place-based approach to health and social care?
2. What are statutory sectors?

3. What are community sectors and in what respect/s are they non-statutory?
4. How does a place based approach harness statutory and non-statutory community sectors of the NHS and social care services?
5. What form of effective clinical and democratic governance should be set up for this place-based approach to harnessing statutory and non-statutory community sectors of the NHS and social care services?
6. How will this place based harnessing of statutory and non-statutory community sectors of the NHS and social care services better define the role of the primary and acute systems?
7. How will these definitions be better than current definitions?
8. In the light of your answers to these questions, please say whether this system is an Accountable Care System or not, and give your reasons.

PART B.

9. Since current legislation commits the NHS to competition (HSCA 2012) how can an approach which avoids competition be lawful, in the absence of new primary legislation?

10. In a market-based system like the NHS, avoiding competition could lead to the establishment of a commercial monopoly. Is that desirable?

4. Councillors! Test your understanding of Cabinet's recommendations on Calderdale Accountable System

1. In practical terms, what would follow from endorsing the principle of enabling neighbourhoods to develop a place-based health and social care system, at their own pace?
2. What, in this context, counts as a neighbourhood?
3. What elements of NHS and social care budgets do you think should be in-scope?
4. Do you think these in-scope NHS and social care budgets should be pooled?
5. What are the current inequalities of access and outcomes?
6. What are their main causes?
7. How is this place based health and social care system going to reduce these inequalities?
8. Are the above features different from or the same as the features of an Accountable Care System? Please explain.
9. How would this new health and social care system maintain boundaries between NHS and social care, so that health care remains free at the point of need? When the 5 Year Forward View and 5 Year Forward View Next Steps that this place-based system is designed to implement, blur boundaries between NHS and social care

services and their funding in ways that seem likely to introduce stealth co-payments for NHS services, such as continuing care and maternity care?

10. Since £100m NHS and social care cuts are required in Calderdale by 2020, will the Memorandum of Understanding spell out how this alternative place based health and social care system is going to decide what to cut, when? And will it commit the signatories to full public consultation on such a significant change?