



PRESS NOTICE

New Inquiry Terms of Reference — Commissioning

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The Health Committee has decided to undertake an inquiry into Commissioning, the terms of reference of which are as follows:

- “World-Class Commissioning”: what does this initiative tell us about how effective commissioning by PCTs is?;
- The rationale behind commissioning: has the purchaser / provider split been a success and is it needed?;
- Commissioning and “system reform”: how does commissioning fit with Practice-based Commissioning, “contestability” and the quasi-market, and Payment by Results?;
- Specialist commissioning;
- Commissioning for the quality and safety of services.

Organisations and individuals are invited to submit written evidence. Written evidence should if possible be in Word or rich text format—not PDF format—and sent by e-mail to healthcommem@parliament.uk. The body of the e-mail must include a contact name, telephone number and postal address. The e-mail should also make clear if the submission is from an individual or on behalf of an organisation. The deadline is **Thursday 17 September 2009**.

Submissions should be in the format of a self-contained memorandum and should be no more than 3,000 words. Paragraphs should be numbered for ease of reference, and the document must include an executive summary. Further guidance on the submission of evidence can be found at www.parliament.uk/documents/upload/witnessguide.pdf.

Submissions should be original work, not previously published or circulated elsewhere, though previously published work can be referred to in a submission and submitted as supplementary material. Once submitted, your submission becomes the property of the Committee and no public use should be made of it unless you have first obtained permission from the Clerk of the Committee. Please bear in mind that Committees are not able to investigate individual cases.

The Committee normally, though not always, chooses to publish the written evidence it receives, either by printing the evidence, publishing it on the internet or making it publicly available through the Parliamentary Archives. If there is any information you believe to be sensitive you should highlight it

and explain what harm you believe would result from its disclosure; the Committee will take this into account in deciding whether to publish or further disclose the evidence.

For data protection purposes, it would be helpful if individuals wishing to submit written evidence send their contact details in a covering letter or e-mail.

Evidence sessions will commence in the autumn and a later press notice will give details of these.

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