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October 2021 update

National update

Draft engagement documents have been shared on [the future proposed financial model](#) for specialised services – themes emerging;

- Baselines for 22/23 will be set on 19/20 out-turn with matched transitional funding and inflation.
- While the funding will be translated into ICS population budgets, for 22/23 the intention is to keep the single payer function to trusts through the London regional team.
- The year of shadow funding will focus on ensuring systems and processes are in place for the transition into 23/24 financial delegation.
- A significant area of focus will be the transformation schemes to manage growth from April 2023.

Regional update

The regional specialised commissioning team continue their work on joint committees and tiering of service footprints (ICS, multi-ICS and region).

A timeline of progress milestones will be shared at the November London Directors of Strategy meeting. This will include governance options and proposed tiering of services (including drugs).

NHSE has also shared its draft vision of network architecture from 2022/23. It depicts ODNs having shared accountability between London region and ICSs across London (and the South East and East of England where relevant).

In the news

The HSJ has published an in-depth guide focussed on the clinically led, evidence based and award winning approach to the procurement of devices used in interventional cardiology through the South London Cardiac Operational Delivery Network.

This collaboration across five South London trusts delivered 30% savings in total spend – approximately £6 million over four years. ([Link](#))

South London pilot services

The draft cases for change within the pilot areas have been written. These will be initially reviewed by the steering group, clinical leads, and interim programme board, and then shared more widely.

- The **Cardiac** pilot is considering projects focussed on aortic stenosis, mitral valve, and outpatient parenteral antimicrobial therapy (OPAT) services, focussed on **care close to home and access to innovative treatments**.
- The **Neurology** pilot is exploring transformation initiatives in outpatient functional neuro disorders and chronic conditions pathways **to improve early diagnoses and fast access to specialised drugs**.
- The South London **Renal** pilot has proposed transformation initiatives on **prevention** - albumin creatinine ration (ACR) tests, prescribing of gliflozans, and care arrangements for people with end stage renal failure.
- The **HIV** pilot is exploring options for testing in EDs **to reduce transmission of HIV** with potential to expand to hepatitis and / or the development of a network for South London.

Governance

The next meeting of the South London Specialised Services interim **programme board** will be held on 22 November. The board is comprised of the accountable officers of the SEL and SWL ICSs and the chief executives of GSTT, KCH, and SGH.

The board will review the case for change of the pilot areas, analysing the plans for the resultant impact on South London and beyond. As the previous meeting the board endorsed the interim governance for South London, we will now focus on how we begin this work with our Kent, Surrey and Sussex colleagues.

Programme update

- The **Finance Working Group** (chair – Martin Shaw, CFO, GSTT) has formally responded to NHS England finance products which were shared in September. Through a coordinated South London response, they addressed population based allocations, contracting arrangements, joint committees, and activity data.
- **Clinical leads for specialised services** representing each of the tertiary trusts continue to provide their clinical expertise into pilot areas and initiation of clinical engagement.
- An approach to **clinical engagement** is in development to ensure that input is obtained from the diverse range of stakeholders associated with specialised devolution in South London.

Specialised commissioning webinar

Following the 21 October overview webinar of the Specialised Commissioning Integration Programme, NHS England will hold another on **10 November, 11:30am – 1:30pm**, focussed on the financial programme (eg summary of proposals, population based allocations, ICS activity / spending). This will be the first in a sequence of product specific webinars, aimed at senior finance colleagues within provider, CCG and ICS organisations.

Register: Please [register online](#) before 7 November to access the event.

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