

## Principles for adoption by CCGs

1) This CCG will uphold the principle of "first do no harm": we will take no action and adopt no policy that might undermine our patients' continued access to existing local health services that they need, trust and rely upon.

2) In the spirit of clinically led commissioning, we reserve entirely the right to decide whom we contract with to provide services for our patients. We will take those decisions on the basis of the best interests of our patients and wider local communities, and we will refuse to allow Any Qualified Provider to be imposed on us from above.

3) In the interests of transparency we will not engage in any contracts which impose conditions of commercial confidentiality. Once agreed and signed the contract will be open to public scrutiny.

4) We will also work on an 'open book' basis with providers and joint commissioners.

5) We will consult with the local LINK/Local Healthwatch and local communities before implementing any significant changes during the development of our commissioning plans, and on any issues that might affect the quality of, or access to local healthcare for local people

6) Our CCG Board will make all major decisions relating to local services in public session and the LINK/Local Healthwatch will be able to raise questions and issues throughout our meeting.