

# GPs and the White Paper in Sheffield How to Make it Work

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### **OPPORTUNITIES**

- £1000M a year budget for Sheffield
- Commissioning present and new services
- Contracting responsibilities
- Diminished purchaser/provider split
- Credibility and relationship of GP commissioners with other organisations
- Robust governance arrangements/ organisation structure

## **CONCERNS**

- Budget and Consequences
  - Difficult decisions
  - Accountability to patients
  - Consortia size 4 or 1 or federated model?
  - Any willing provider
- Resources
  - Management budget ?£25-30 per patient
  - Capacity issues
  - Education, skills & knowledge
  - Loss of local expertise

# LEADERSHIP DIFFICULTIES



### THE ROLE OF THE LMC

- Statutory body representing all Sheffield GPs
- The only citywide body with a mandate
- Not commissioners "Honest Brokers"
- Ensure there are fair and equal opportunities for <u>all</u> GPs
- Dissemination of information
- Facilitate discussion
- Feedback grassroots opinions

## **TRANSITION**

- How do you want Sheffield to look?
- Constitution and mandate for GP
  Commissioning Consortia in shadow form
- Accountability
- Elections / selection?
- Continuing and developing partnership working

## WHAT NEXT?

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