

Questions to Board

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<p>Question asked: "Accountable Care Organisations are a model of integrated care that NHS England and the government are trying to introduce ... ACOs integrate primary, secondary and community care for a large defined area, and operate under one capitated budget ... the only area seeking to establish an ACO is Dudley ..." (New Statesman, 15.10.18).</p> <p>The article goes on to quote Jo Land, spokesperson for the 999 Call for the NHS, who argues that the NHS as it currently stands is difficult for private companies to make money from. ACOs, on the other hand, make it much easier because "a private company could run an ACO lock, stock and barrel – it could commission the services and provide the services".</p> <p>The fact that an ACO operates a "capitated" ie. per capita budget represents a key change in commissioning NHS services.</p> <p>Questions:</p> <p>a) Is this model (ACO) the same as Dudley's MCP? b) What is the CCG's view of the present situation, for example, one body being both commissioner and provider of services?</p>	
<p>Response provided by Neill Bucktin, Director of Commissioning, Dudley CCG</p> <p>a) Yes, although the term ACO has now been replaced by Integrated Care Provider (ICP) b) The CCG recognises that the commissioning function will need to change in the future. Holding a long term (10 year) contract, a whole population budget and being required to deliver a set of health and care outcomes requires a different approach on the part of both commissioner and provider. The main task will be to use the collective skills and intelligence of both organisations to assess and manage future demand and support the management of the Whole Population Budget.</p> <p>This will mean that some skills and staff currently residing within the CCG will need to reside within the MCP in future. In this respect it will act as a "commissioner", however, the CCG will still be the body with statutory responsibilities to commission healthcare through its duty "to arrange" services as contained in the NHS Act 2006.</p> <p>In addition to the responses above to the specific questions asked. When this question was presented to the Governing Body, they felt it important to clarify that the Dudley MCP will not be a private provider. Furthermore it is the opinion of the CCG that whilst the ICP contract makes it technically possible for private provision, in practice as it requires relationships with general practice it is less likely to lead to a new private provider entering the market.</p>	
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