

SHEFFIELD LOCAL MEDICAL COMMITTEE

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GPC GUIDANCE

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The General Practitioners Committee (GPC) has recently produced two important guidance documents as follows:

THE FORM AND STRUCTURE OF GP-LED COMMISSIONING CONSORTIA

The idea underpinning the commissioning proposals is that they will be locally-led. There will be a great deal of flexibility and variability concerning the future structures of commissioning.

This guidance document provides GPs and practices with a range of considerations regarding the discussions they will need to have locally, the relationships they will need to build and the decisions that they will need to make as this agenda moves forward.

A copy of the guidance can be downloaded from the *Other Guidance* section of the LMC website at:

http://www.bma.org.uk/images/whitepapergpcguidance5nov2010_tcm41-201578.pdf

SHADOW CONSORTIA: DEVELOPING AND ELECTING A TRANSITIONAL LEADERSHIP

The Government's plans for the future of commissioning will require the formation of GP-led Commissioning Consortia and, in the interim, the formation of shadow consortia.

This guidance outlines a number of options that will need to be considered when developing the transitional leadership structures that will take shadow consortia forward. It also gives guidance on how to appoint the transitional leadership, giving information about elections, and selection/election processes.

A copy of the guidance can be downloaded from the *Other Guidance* section of the LMC website at:

http://www.bma.org.uk/images/whitepapergpcguidance6nov2010_tcm41-201610.pdf

The LMC will continue to make practices aware of relevant White Paper guidance via the newsletter or newsflashes. However, practices are advised to check the White Paper section of the GPC website regularly:

http://www.bma.org.uk/healthcare_policy/nhs_white_paper/index.jsp