

A large, green, moss-covered statue of a man stands on a small wooden platform on a sandy beach. The statue is covered in vibrant green moss and small red flowers. In the background, the ocean waves gently wash onto the shore under an overcast sky. A small figure of a person is visible in the distance on the beach.

# South Sefton Clinical Commissioning Group **Summary Business Plan**

2012-2013

## Who we are

South Sefton Clinical Commissioning Group (SSCCG) is made up of 34 GP practices in the area. Together, their aim is to improve the health and wellbeing of their 156,500 patients by commissioning services better tailored to their needs. The NHS is changing and SSCCG is leading the local reforms. During 2012-2013, we will be playing an increasingly important role in deciding what health services should be provided for the people of south Sefton.

### Our vision

We want to work with the local community and other partners, to improve the health and healthcare of everyone living in south Sefton, spending money wisely, and supporting clinicians to do the best job they can.

### Our values

- Stay local and work in partnership
- Be transparent, open and honest
- Be approachable and accessible
- Show integrity – say what we mean and do what we say
- Be focused on what we want to achieve – prioritise what we do

### Our aims for 2012-2013

- To take on full responsibility for 'commissioning' or buying local health services by April 2013
- Improve the health of all south Sefton residents and reduce the differences in health which exist in different parts of the area
- To commission services of the highest possible quality to ensure south Sefton residents get the best care available to them
- To ensure that the services we commission deliver good value for money
- To involve south Sefton residents in the decisions we make about their local healthcare

## Our achievements in 2011 – 2012 include:

- Saving over £700,000 across SSCCG through more effective prescribing, which can be reinvested in patient care
- Investing in community respiratory teams to increase care closer to home for patients
- Extending the community gynaecology service at May Logan Centre in Bootle.
- Making electrocardiogram testing available at Litherland Town Hall and Maghull Health Centre
- Increasing screening for atrial fibrillation (AF) through the opportunistic pulse measurement of over 65 year olds, resulting in the identification of patients with AF that may have remained undiagnosed
- Improving access to blood testing services and reducing waiting times



## What we are doing to improve health and health services

In 2012-2013 we have a budget of £232 million which we plan to spend on improving local services for local people including:

### Managing our performance

Using better systems to help us improve the way we manage and monitor our performance. These IT based systems help us to monitor our work - from the number of people we refer to hospital for treatment so we can spot trends, through to how well we manage our finances.

### Bringing care closer to home

Over the coming year we plan to develop a number of services that will be provided in community clinics, making it easier for people to get the care they need. This will include:

- Electrocardiogram testing
- 24 hour ECG and rapid access arrhythmia (AF) clinic
- Electrocardiograph testing
- Ankle Brachial Pressure (ABPI)
- 24 hour ambulatory blood pressure (BP) monitoring
- Community based spirometry service for people with lung disease
- Rolling out our pilot programme for patients with lung disease across south Sefton



Our full Commissioning Plan gives full details of all the work mentioned in this leaflet. It can be downloaded from the NHS Sefton website [www.sefton.nhs.uk](http://www.sefton.nhs.uk) or by calling our Patient Advice and Liaison Service on 0800 218 2333.

## Effective prescribing of medicines

More effective methods of prescribing medicines can have great benefits for patients. Regularly assessing the medicines people are prescribed ensures they get the best and most appropriate treatment for their condition. It can also help us make great savings which we can use to fund more services that people in south Sefton.

## Care for people with long term conditions

We want to support people with conditions such as heart disease and diabetes to better manage their condition. Providing high quality, timely care for them is a priority for SSCCG. Schemes we plan to develop this year includes:

- Rolling out of our successful pilot programme for patients with lung disease across south Sefton
- Re-designing cardiac rehabilitation services
- Re-designing musculoskeletal services
- Introducing a new service for people with glaucoma
- Developing a pilot programme in two practices around alcohol related illnesses
- Promoting the Practice Innovations Fund to support practices to develop new services based on the health needs of their patients

## Who's who on the Board

The Board consists of four GPs, practice managers and we intend to co opt other members on an ad hoc basis to support the work of the group.

**Dr Clive Shaw** - Chair

**Dr Craig Gillespie** - Vice Chair

**Dr Steve Fraser** - GP Member

**Dr John Wray** - GP Member

**Dr Andy Mimmagh** - GP Member

**Lin Bennet** - Practice Manager Advisor to the Board

**Alan Finn** - Practice Manager Advisor to the Board

**Libby Kitt** - Representative of Sefton Local Involvement Network (LINK) and patient and public involvement advisor

### Get involved and find out more

We welcome views about our work from anyone who has an interest in the health of south Sefton. We would particularly like to hear from you if you would like to get involved in our work when opportunities arise. Use the contact details below to register your interest.

### Contact us

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