

Lewisham Clinical Commissioning Group

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Chair's Report for April 2013 meeting**

This is my first report as Chair of Lewisham Clinical Commissioning Group as an authorised and responsible organisation with its own budget and duty to commission quality healthcare for the population of Lewisham.

We have prepared well for this responsibility and enter into our first year with a balanced budget, confirmed and established team, clear strategy and sound relationships with our colleagues in the Local Authority, Public Health and Local Health Trust. We are working closely with our adjacent CCGs to ensure maximum effectiveness and are developing working relationships with our co-commissioners in the NCB.

Having said all that, this will be a challenging year. The outcome of the TSA is still to be settled in the courts with associated uncertainty in the provider landscape. Whatever the outcome significant change in all our local secondary providers is inevitable and managing these changes to ensure safe provision of services will be one of our immediate priorities. At the same time the whole system is under unusual pressure with increased activity in accident and emergency departments and above average admission rates with consequent increases in waiting times. We are working closely with our local trusts to mitigate these pressures and ensure above all safety and quality of service for our population as well as effective use of available resources.

Along with coping with these pressures we will continue to work at new pathway development, build on existing work in integration between social and healthcare services, support and encourage all our providers to continue to strive for, better health, best care and best value.

**Dr Helen Tattersfield  
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