

# Pathfinder Programme

## NHS London GP Consortia Development Programme

1. Launched on 10<sup>th</sup> Nov as NHS London's response to the national pathfinder programme announced by the Secretary of State for Health in October.
2. Intended to provide development to GP consortia across the transition period whereby PCTs and SHAs are abolished and the new GP consortia will be the statutory bodies accountable for commissioning from 2013.
3. Three aspects to the programme overall:
  - Development framework.
  - Development support.
  - Funding from April 2011 – for those at pathfinder or authorisation phases.
4. Development Framework
  - Mobilisation phase
  - Pathfinder phase – three sub-phases here, see below.
  - Authorisation phase
5. Pathfinder sub-phases:
  - Phase 1 – Design, planning and preparation
  - Phase 2 – Some delegated responsibilities
  - Phase 3 – All delegated responsibilities
6. All pathfinder phases need to be completed before authorisation is possible.
7. Application to phase 1 pathfinder requires:
  - Strong GP leadership and support from member practices. Local Authority engagement and sign up .
  - Demonstration of the contribution to the local QIPP agenda.
8. Phase 2 will also require:
  - Clearly defined outcomes for the activities the consortium wishes to take delegated responsibility for.
  - A plan for how the consortium will achieve the specified outcomes, including risk management – including financial risk.
  - A plan for performance management of the delegated activities.
  - Fully established governance structures for managing delegated responsibilities.