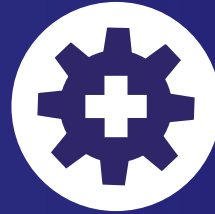


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Commissioning Support Unit

Case study: Harmonising treatment policies in Birmingham, Sandwell and Solihull



Fair, consistent and
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27 treatment evidence reviews

22 harmonised
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Extensive public
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Expertise from our consultancy,
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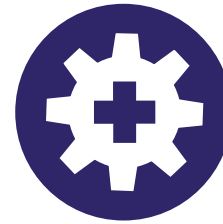
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“Arden & GEM managed a very complex, high profile project, which had significant public and professional stakeholder interest, within agreed timescales delivering excellent project outcomes.”

Associate Director at Birmingham and Solihull CCG

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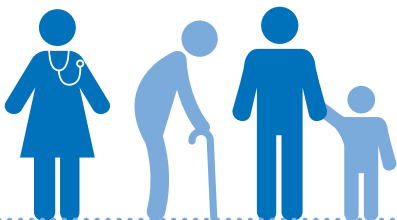
Diagnosing the problem

The NHS has finite resources and needs to make decisions which ensure treatment policies:

- are evidence-based
- achieve best outcomes
- provide best value

Treatment evidence reviews were needed for 27 conditions

Extensive public and clinical engagement was required



What did we do?

Capture

National clinical evidence sourced from NICE and Royal Colleges

189 questionnaire responses obtained from the public

Expertise was brought in from our hosted consultancy, Solutions for Public Health



Analyse

Evidence base discussed and proposed policies assessed

Five policies deferred pending further investigation and information

Clinical and public feedback brought together in a comprehensive report



Plan

Treatment Policies Clinical Development Group (TPCDG) was established

A series of patient engagement activities was planned to directly reach relevant communities



Act

Reviews presented to TPCDG in a phased manner

New policies, incorporating an Equality Impact Assessment, developed and presented to the TPCDG

The impact of public and clinical feedback was reflected in a 'you said, we did' report

Outcomes



- Engagement resulted in changes to treatment policies
- Policies informed by patient experience
- Fair, consistent and transparent access to treatment



- 22 harmonised treatment policies ready for implementation in January 2019
- Commissioning changes will contribute £1m towards QIPP plan savings



- Policies informed by the most up to date evidence, best practice and clinical opinion
- Evidence base brought together with expert clinical opinion