

New 'simulation' case study being developed

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The first real-time commissioning support simulation exercise is being run on 17 May 2012 and will involve six emerging CCGs and four CSSs. The event, which is being organised by the NHS Commissioning Board Authority with the Health Services Management Centre at the University of Birmingham, and NHS Clinical Commissioners, aims to create a realistic environment in which participants, through role play, explore the ways that emerging CCGs will work with CSSs to commission effectively from their providers.



The emerging CCGs and CSSs have been invited to reflect a range of sizes, locations and stages of development and include:

- CCGs in Bristol, Cheshire, Cambridgeshire and Peterborough, Enfield, Mid-Sussex and Horsham, and South of Tees.
- CSSs in North West London, East Midlands and Southampton, Hampshire, Isle of Wight and Portsmouth; plus a team of independent sector commissioning support service providers.

The outputs of the day, which are expected to include lessons for both emerging CCGs and CSSs, will be made available on the Board Authority's website following the event.

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