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*Basildon and Brentwood
Clinical Commissioning Group*

The new leaders

of your local NHS



Basildon and Brentwood Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) was set up in April 2013 to commission (buy) healthcare services for the people of Basildon, Wickford, Billericay and Brentwood – a population of 264,630.

It brings together all 45 GP practices in the area and is responsible for buying:

- **elective (planned) hospital care**
- **rehabilitation care**
- **urgent and emergency care**
- **most community health services**
- **mental health & learning disabilities**

GPs and practice nurses, dentists, pharmacists and opticians are the responsibility of NHS England, not the CCG.

The CCG decides the healthcare needs of the local population and works with local healthcare professionals, councils, charities and others to make sure local people have high quality health services that meet their needs. We have a duty to involve and listen to patients and our local communities when making decisions about local health services.

We buy healthcare from a number of different healthcare providers. Our main providers are:

- **Basildon and Thurrock Hospital (BTUH)**
- **Barking Havering and Redbridge Hospitals (BHRT)**
- **North East London Foundation Trust (NELFT)**
- **South Essex Partnership Trust Community and Mental Health services (SEPT)**
- **East of England Ambulance Service**

Our aim and our mission

The CCG aims to deliver, in partnership with its patients, a local health service that continually improves to meet today's demand and tomorrow's need.

"Our mission is that local GP practices will work together with our local community and partners to ensure that local health services are of the highest quality, make the best use of resources and bring care closer to home."

Dr Anil Chopra, Chair of Basildon and Brentwood CCG



Quality and safety

"The CCG's ambition is to place quality and safety at the heart of everything we do and all the services we commission. We will work with local people and partner organisations, and put the patient experience at the heart of our commissioning decisions."

Lisa Allen, Executive Nurse



Our main priorities for 2013-15

There are five national health priorities and three local priorities that help us decide where to target our resources.

The five national priorities are:

- preventing people from dying prematurely
- enhancing the quality of life for people with long-term conditions
- helping people recover from episodes of ill health or injury
- ensuring that people have a positive experience of care
- treating and caring for people in a safe environment and protecting them from avoidable harm

Our local priorities:

- Circulatory disease remains the biggest cause of death amongst our population. One of our main priorities for 2013 -2015 is to work with local GPs to improve the way we manage high blood pressure and circulatory disease to reduce the number of people suffering strokes and heart disease.
- We will work together with our partner agencies in the community to improve how we help families with multiple and complex needs.
- A rising elderly population and a growing number of patients with two or more long term conditions have increased the need for community health and social care services. We will continue our work with our partner agencies to reduce hospital admissions and keep people in their homes where possible – providing care in the right place, at the right time.

Improving health and tackling inequalities

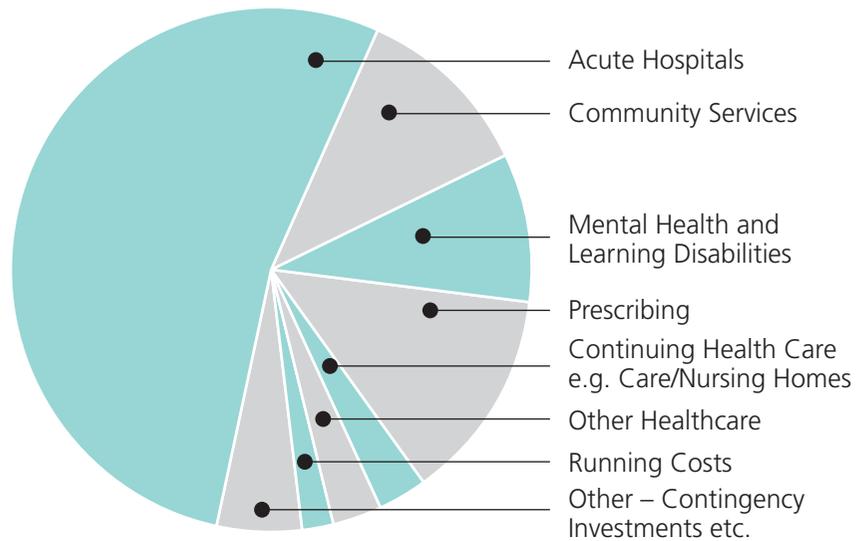
We have some of the most affluent areas in England within our local population, along with some of the most deprived. The effect this has on people's health can be shown by the differences in how long people live – men in the most affluent parts of our population live on average 9.6 years longer than those in the most deprived. The difference for women is an average of 5.5 years.

We plan to improve the health of our population and reduce inequalities in health by:

- encouraging people to stop smoking
- helping to improve people's diet and activity levels to reduce obesity
- making sure we identify and help people with high blood pressure
- supporting people who drink too much alcohol to cut down
- improving the take-up rate for immunisations in children and adults
- providing support and encouragement for new mothers to breastfeed their babies
- improving participation in cancer screening programmes.
- improving the health of older people

How much do we have to spend?

Our budget for 2013/14 is around £300m.
The chart below shows how it will be spent.



Acute Hospitals	53%
Community Services	11%
Mental Health and Learning Disabilities	9%
Prescribing	13%
Continuing Health Care (e.g. Care/Nursing Homes)	3%
Other Healthcare	3%
Running Costs	2%
Other – Contingency Investments etc.	5%

Your views are important to us

Basildon and Brentwood CCG wants to be an organisation that listens and responds to the views of the people who use local health services.

If you want to get involved, contact Louise Forrest
01268 245773 or bbccg.contact@nhs.net who can tell you how.

This booklet is available in different formats or languages on request.



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