

As a preparatory body, the NHS Commissioning Board Special Health Authority is responsible for designing the proposed commissioning landscape and developing its business functions. This includes agreeing the method for establishing, authorising and running clinical commissioning groups (CCGs) – which will be new clinically led organisations at the heart of the new system.

Patients, healthcare professionals and partner organisations will all be involved in developing these plans to ensure an effective system is created. The work of the Board Authority will have the values and pledges of the [NHS Constitution](#) and patients at its heart.

Subject to Parliamentary approval, the NHS Commissioning Board will be established as an independent body, at arm's length to the Government (an Executive Non-Departmental Public Body) by October 2012. Initially, it will carry out limited functions such as establishing and authorising CCGs.

The Board will take on its full range of responsibilities and the new commissioning system will begin to operate once it is fully established from April 2013.

Scope

Since July 2012 Alison is working as a programme manager within the HR workstream at the NHS Commissioning Board.

Responsibilities include :

- Setting up workstream plans and documentation for implementation of the shared services and core HR OD functions for the NHS Commissioning Board Authority.
- Producing plans, including monitoring/maintenance and identification/management of interdependencies.
- Ensuring any programme reporting is completed.
- Highlighting and manage risks and issues.
- Leading on the implementation of aspects of the new services by agreement with the Director of HR and OD (Service Design).

Outcomes:

Outcomes are expected in November 2012, however the core purpose of Alison's work is to create a place where talented people wish to work and make the very best clinical, commissioning and financial outcomes a reality for the NHS in England. In doing so, the Human Resources and the Organisation Development services are recognised as exemplars in the NHS and beyond, and provide assurance on standards through a strong governance framework.