
The Suffolk GP Federation

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What we do?

- Three activities
 1. Supporting local primary care
 2. Providing patient services
 3. Enable primary care to work at scale

1) *Supporting local primary care*

- Linda West in post
- Recruitment & retention - working with John Howard
- Practice Manager development programme
- East - COPD Winter Pressures project + dementia case finding
- MDDUS group buying - close to 5% discount

2) *Providing patient services*

- North Essex diabetes - £2.7m p.a
- East ultrasound
- East cardiology
- West Suffolk Lymphoedema nursing

- West Suffolk community pain management

3) Enable primary care to work at scale

- Nationally significant movement on this
 - Health Education East of England
 - PM Challenge - £10.4m 12 months funding
 - Hubs open evening and weekends
 - Long term condition development
 - Using technology
 - Workforce development
 - Five Year forward – MCP v PACs

Where we are?

- Positives
 - Very high profile nationally....which will feed through
 - Financially stable with no CCG support
 - Independent
 - Well positioned for wider NHS changes
 - Slightly better relationship with West CCG

- Challenges
 - Board representation
 - Balancing our ambition with our meagre resources
 - Being patient!