Statement of Support for the PBC Connection

As we move forward with the changing landscape in the NHS, the work and role of the Practice Based Commissioner will be ever more at the forefront of NHS commissioning.

More than ever, there is now a need to involve nurses and allied health professionals in the work of PBC to enhance the richness of the clinical input provided by General Practitioners to this increasingly important role.

I believe the challenges of the national QIPP agenda will be best delivered through clinical expertise which will shape commissioning decision-making at a local level, as well as at a strategic level. Nurses and allied health professionals must be ‘round the table’ to drive and champion high standards of clinical quality on behalf of their patients.

The work of the PBC connection will be vital to networking the clinical community across the country. It is for this reason I am supporting its work and ensuring that my contribution in my PCT role is about engaging and networking nurses and allied health professionals locally to this much broader network.

I would encourage all of you out there not to spend much time thinking about being involved, but to actually rise to the challenge and get involved: together we can support and develop PBC to deliver real benefits for patients.

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