

GP CONSORTIA



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QUESTIONS TO ASK YOUR GP

As a patient I am really concerned about the future of the NHS. I know that the Health and Social Care Bill is being introduced by the Coalition Government, but I have questions that I would like you to answer for me about this practice. If you don't have time now to answer could you please provide me with a written response as soon as possible.

- 1) I have heard that there is a local GP Consortia being set up. Are you part of the Consortia? If so why?
- 2) Won't running a Consortia take time away from patient care?
- 3) How much will the GP Consortia cost?
- 4) The NHS Primary Care Trusts had experience in buying (commissioning) health care. Do you think that the Consortia will have the same level of experience?
- 5) What training will be required for your role in the Consortia?
- 6) How will your role change if a Consortia is introduced?
- 7) You will have to buy (commission) the care that patients need. How will this work?
- 8) Will you run out of money to take care of patients?
- 9) What about patients with complex conditions?
- 10) Will you be able to only deal with patients who don't require expensive treatments?
- 11) Will the Consortia be buying services from the private sector rather than the NHS?
- 12) Will GPs be required to disclose their links with the private providers?
- 13) Will patients and the public be able to influence what the Consortia does?
- 14) Will I have a say in who provides my health care needs?
- 15) What happens if I don't want to use the provider that you choose for my care?
- 16) Will you be making money out of people who are sick?
- 17) Will you have a conflict of interest between me as a patient and the cost to the practice?

Thank you for taking the time to answer my questions.