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Humana Europe appointed to Practice-Based Commissioning Development Framework

LONDON, UK – 11 December 2008 – Humana Europe, in partnership with the NHS Alliance and Dr Foster Intelligence, have been appointed by the Department of Health to the Practice-Based Commissioning (PBC) Development Framework to support the PBC capability of PCTs and commissioners.

The experience of the partnership will enable PCTs to accurately diagnose the 'health' of their PBC locally, identify best practice to help PCTs learn from the many good examples already occurring in the NHS, and help management teams to develop their organisation to allow PBC to excel in their local area.

Humana Europe's partnership was one of only five partner organisations to be accepted onto the PBC Development Framework, out of 107 organisations initially expressing interest in the work. PCTs will now be able to use the Humana Europe partnership to help them make PBC more effective and robust across the country.

Humana Europe CEO Dr Jonathan Lord said, “This partnership brings together a strong team of clinicians and managers with considerable NHS and international commissioning expertise and experience.

“We are delighted to be offering this unique support and advice to develop PBC for the benefit of patients, clinicians, and the wider population. We look forward to working with PCTs under this new Framework to fully implement the Government’s vision of World Class Commissioning at practice level.”

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Notes to editors:

1. Humana Europe’s partnership with the NHS Alliance and Dr Foster Intelligence is among the five providers appointed by the Department of Health to the Practice-Based Commissioning (PBC) Development Framework which will run until November 2012.
2. Practice-based commissioning is designed to allow groups of family doctors and community clinicians to commission and develop better services for the local communities that they serve.
3. Recent statistics released by the Department of Health on the 5 December 2008 showed that 62% of GP practices support PBC with a further 20% neutral. This was in line with results from previous waves (62% support in wave 3 and 64% in wave 4):
http://www.dh.gov.uk/en/Publicationsandstatistics/Publications/PublicationsStatistics/DH_091372
4. Humana Europe is a leading provider of commissioning services and support to PCTs in England. Humana Europe provides expert guidance, tools, and innovative solutions to support PCTs, providers, and stakeholders in delivering services that best meet the health needs of the individual. For more information please visit www.humana.co.uk