

The Clinical Commissioning Accountability Matrix

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For what will GP commissioners and clinical commissioning groups be accountable, and to whom? The answer is less than simple. The following matrix emerged from a UCL/King's Summer School on Social Values and Clinical Commissioning and highlights the range of aspects of accountability and of potential stakeholders to whom commissioners may be accountable.

For What?	To Whom?
The spending of money	NHS National Commissioning Board
	National Audit Office
	Parliament
	Tax-payers
	Department of Health
Choice of Priorities	HealthWatch
	Clinical Senates
	Health and Wellbeing Boards
	Patient groups
	Those denied treatment
	Provider organisations
Quality Issues	Care Quality Commission
	General Medical Council
	Peers
Informal accountability	The press