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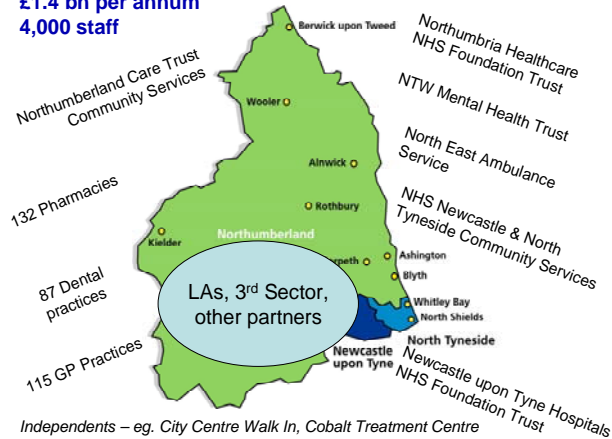
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**800,000 people**  
**£1.4 bn per annum**  
**4,000 staff**



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## FUNCTIONS



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Primary Care Commissioning – All Contractors

Performance – contractors

Appraisal – contractors

Clinical Governance – NICE ETP's – support for panels

Clinical Engagement



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PCT Functions – Commissioning of Services – within budget (QIPP)  
(Obligations!) evidence based

Provision of Services – address the needs

Public Health of the population served – define the needs

NHS Constitution – transparency on funding decisions



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Exceptional Treatment Requests  
(The Post Code Lottery!)

- Procedures
- Darzi
- PCT differences

North of Tyne Policy Development – consistent within NHS NE



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Exception – patient different from the general population – rule does not apply

Exceptionality – patient gains from this treatment that would not normally be expected - unusual



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## THE CHALLENGES

- Patient expectations demands
- Clinician expectations demands behaviours



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## CASE 1:

- Female late 50's – metastatic colorectal carcinoma
- Received NHS treatment
- Self funded - Cetuximab
- Money runs out
- Turns to NHS to continue funding – 3 stage 1 panels
- Evidence of benefit - SUPPORTED



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## CASE 2:

Male Early 40's – metastatic colorectal carcinoma

Received NHS treatment

Self funded - Bevacizumab

Money runs out

Turns to NHS to continue funding – 3 Stage 1 panels

No evidence of benefit - REJECTED



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## SOLUTIONS

Clear national guidance

Clear national functions

NICE budget and speed up the process

Public debate/patients forums



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