

Improving services and the development of specialist commissioning

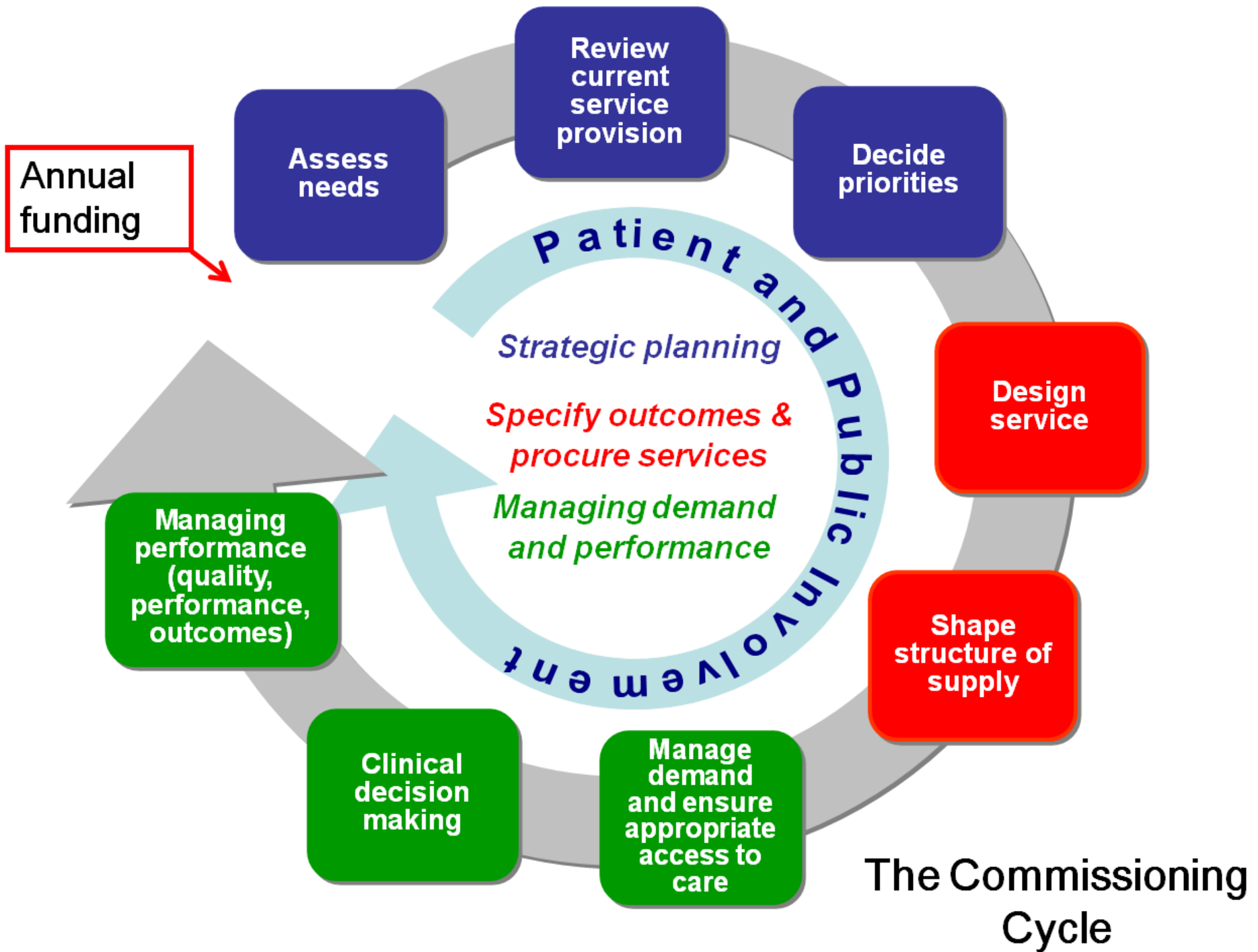
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Addressing inequalities in access

■ Better commissioning

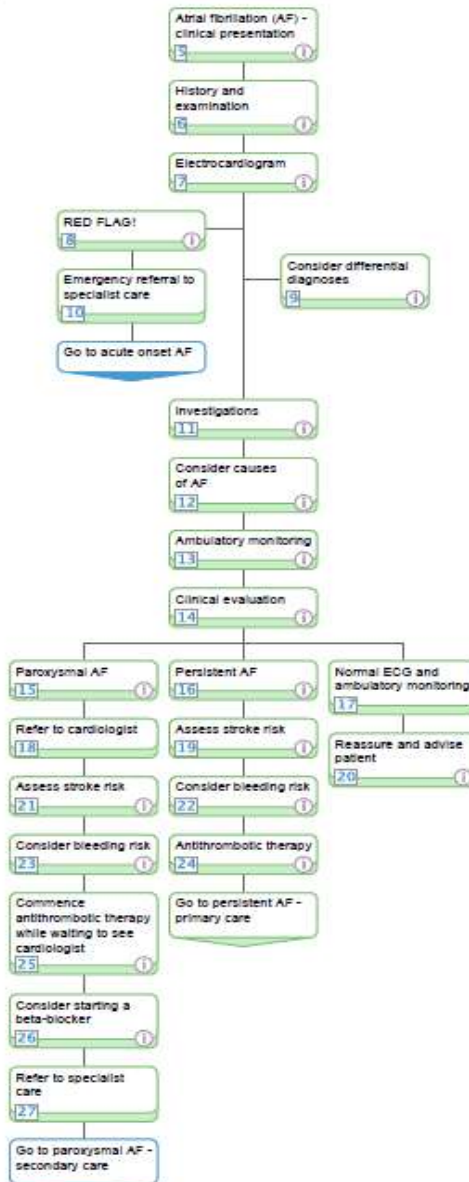
- Improving outcomes
- Being clear about what we commission
- Using information in a better way
- Getting to grips with new technologies
- Setting priorities
- Better working with clinicians



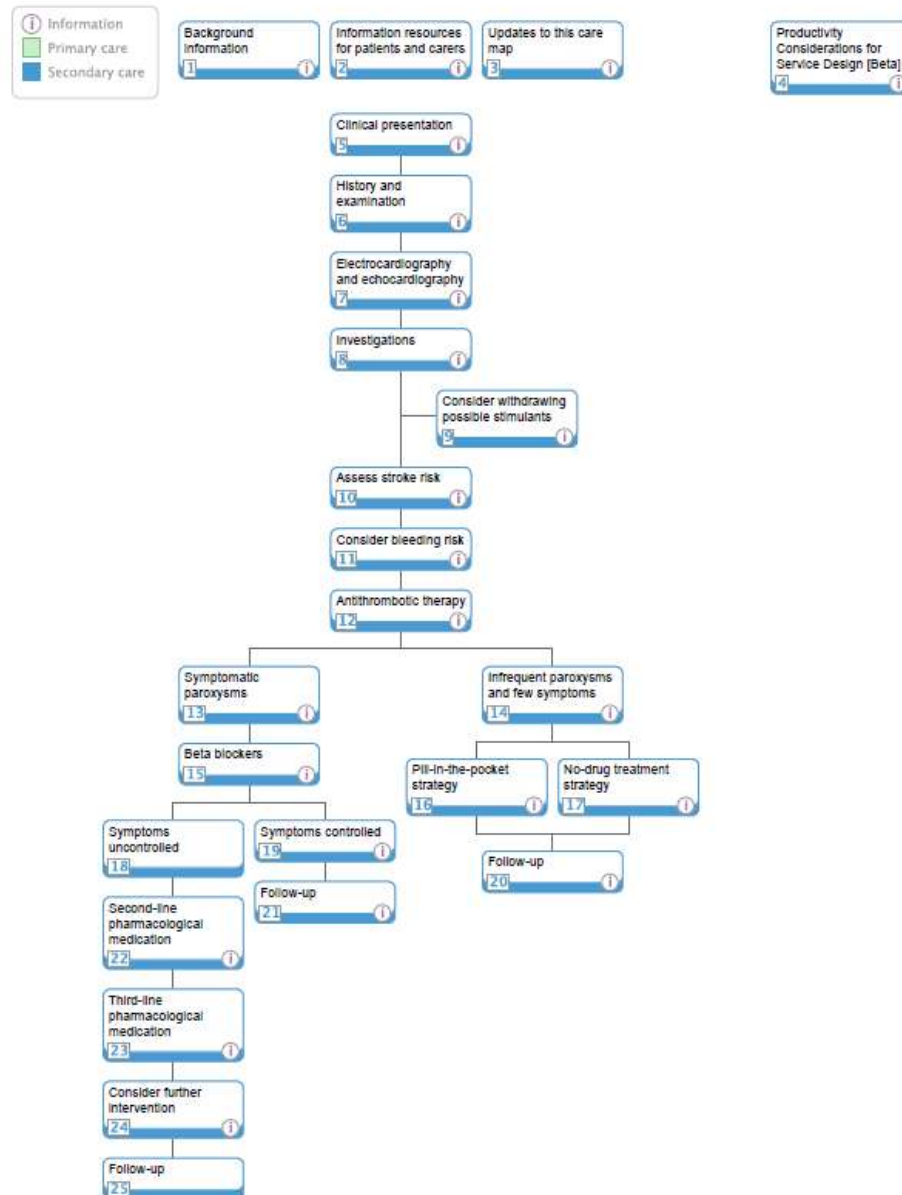
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Management of paroxysmal AF in secondary care



Specialised commissioning

Definition:

- High cost
- Small numbers of patients

But other factors, such as:

- Small number of providers
- Need for highly skilled clinical teams

Specialised commissioning

Old model –

- 10 regional specialised commissioning groups (SCGs).
- One national specialised commissioning group.
- Accountable to PCTs.
- Large regional variation in the range of services commissioned.

Specialised commissioning & the NCB

New model –

- National specialised commissioning within the NHS Commissioning Board.
- Entirely separate funding to the clinical commissioning groups.
- Uniform national commissioning policies.
- Funding of the same services to the same standards.



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£6bn funding gap threatens NHS services

By Sean O'Grady, Economics Editor

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The NHS will face a funding gap of around £6bn a year by 2015, a leading health think tank warns today, which could lead to delays in treatment for many patients.

The Kings Fund, an independent research body, warns that because the rate of health service inflation is normally higher than inflation in the shops or in the economy as whole, the Government's much-vaunted promise to "protect" NHS spending is only correct if economy-wide inflation measures are used.

If the traditionally faster-rising cost of drugs, medical technology and NHS wages is taken into account, the NHS instead faces a real terms



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Some questions

- How is AF care going to be delivered?
- Specialists, referral, and choice.
- How can I work with my clinicians?
- Will changes in the NHS affect access to suitable therapies?
- If my doctor recommends a treatment and it is not funded by commissioners, can I do anything?

Addressing inequalities in access

- Commissioning based on specified outcomes rather than last year's activity.
- Uniform commissioning to written standards.
- Better use of information.
- National policies at the NCB level on what is funded and what is not.
- Addressing local differences in services based on what we plan to commission rather than historical patterns of delivery.

