



Future commissioning of specialised services – issues and concerns

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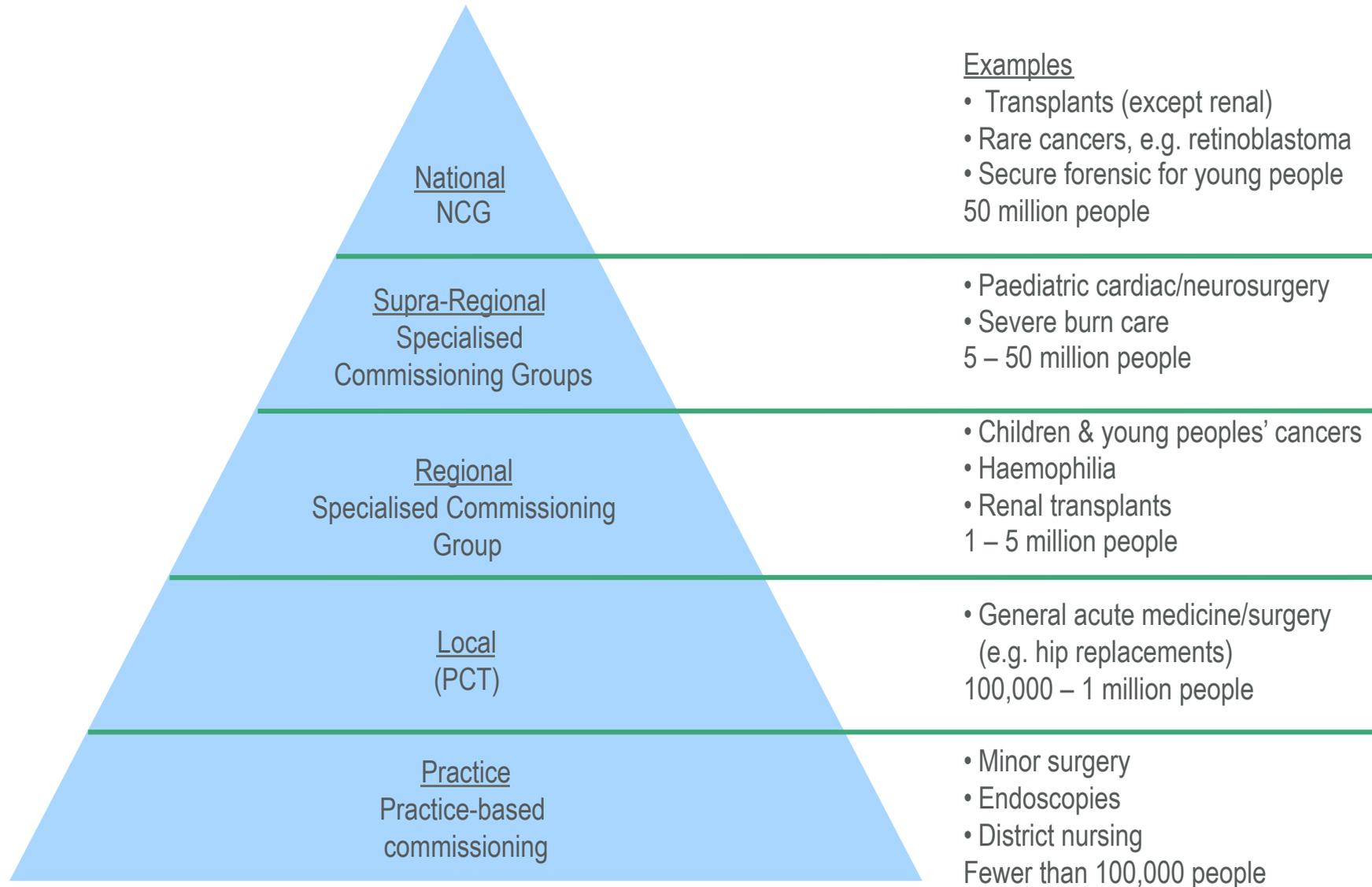


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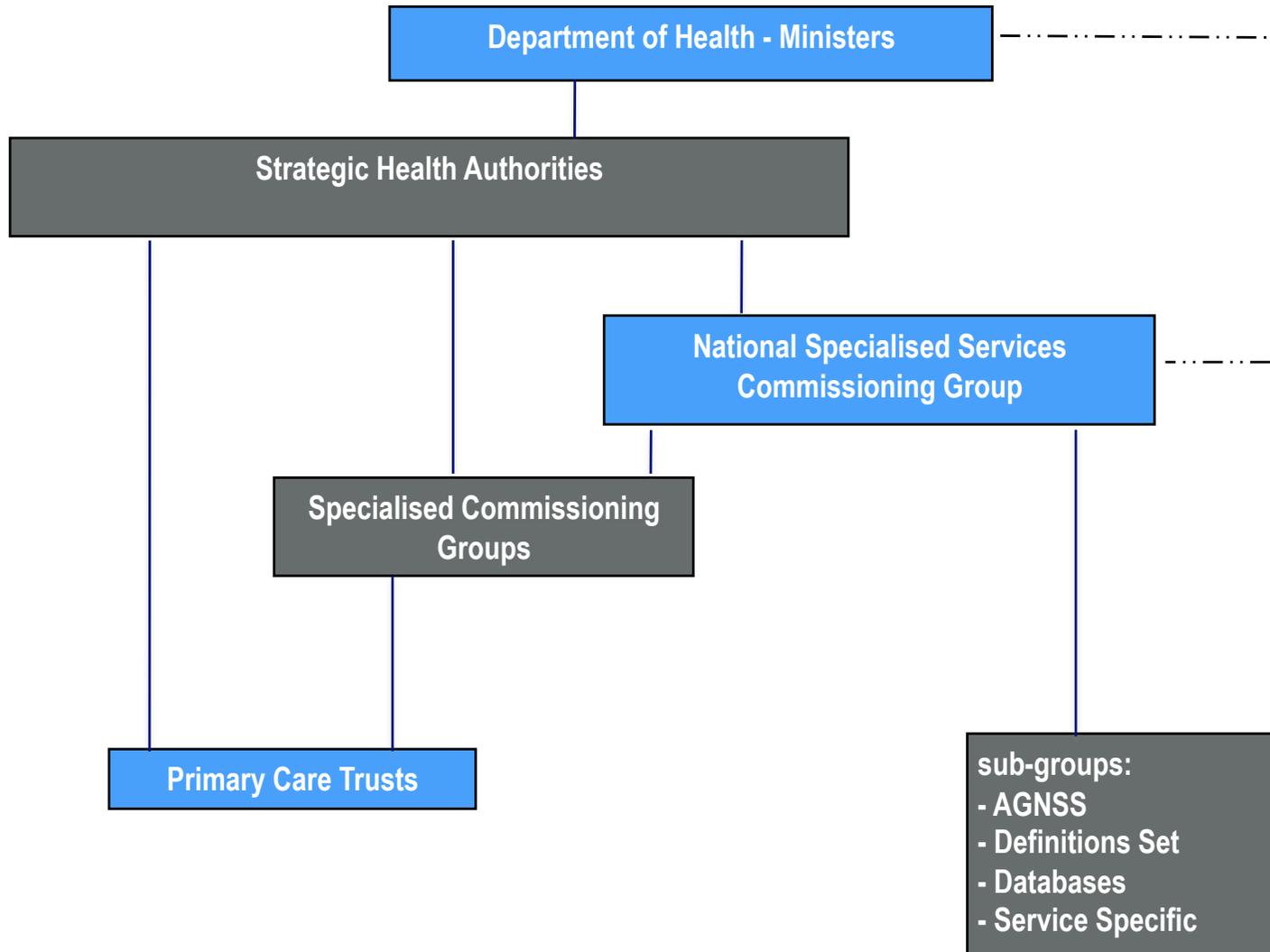
The Federation of Specialist Hospitals

- The Federation of Specialist Hospitals has been formed to provide a voice for specialist hospitals in the UK
- 24 specialist hospitals carry out 250,000 procedures and 2.5 million outpatient appointments each year, mainly for patients with rare and complex conditions
- As such, members are at the forefront of innovation and an important source of training for the NHS at large
- The best of hospital care for care that's best delivered in a hospital
- Chaired by Prof Tim Briggs of Stanmore with representation from Trust Chief Executives and Medical Directors
- Corporate supporters engage through liaison committee

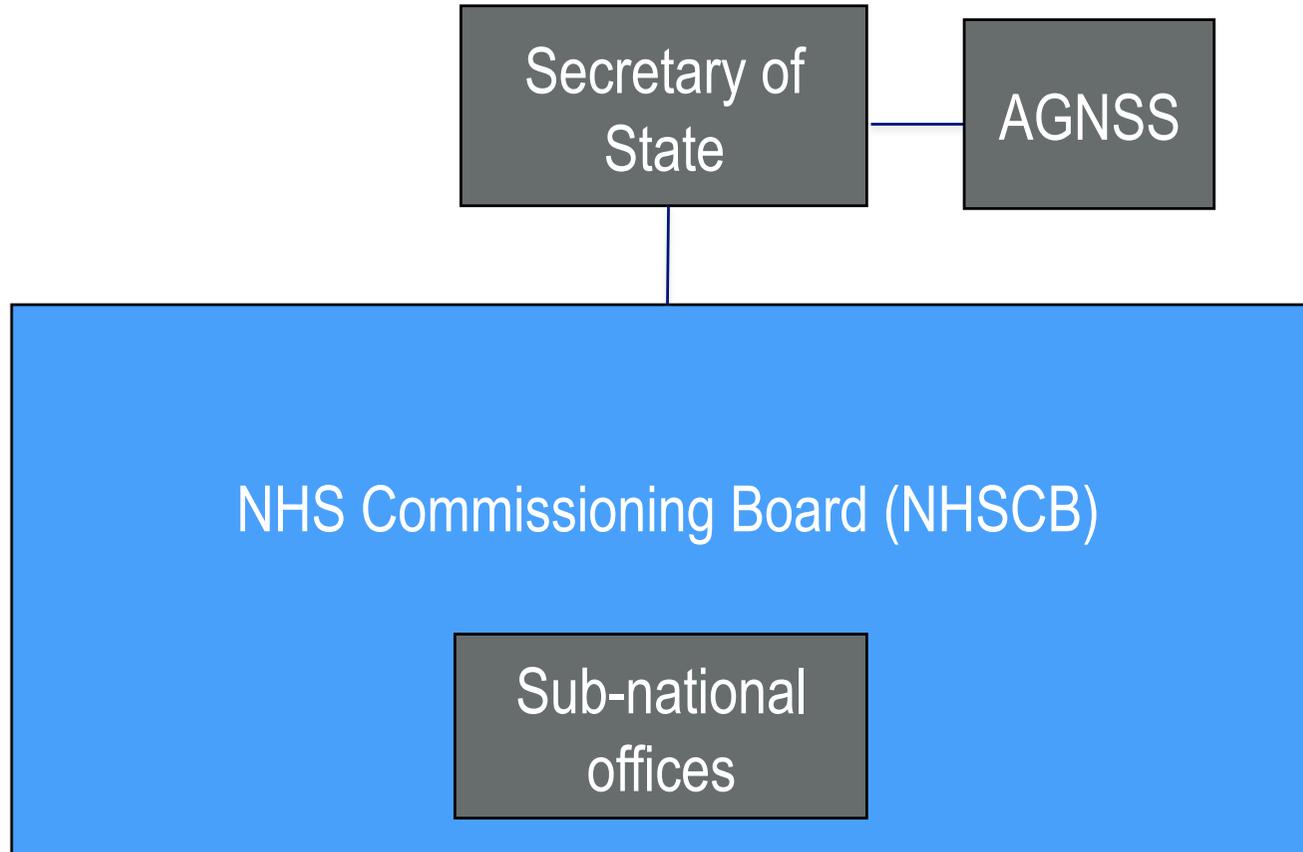
Commissioning Levels



Current Specialised Commissioning Structure



Future Specialised Commissioning Structure



Funding of Specialised Services

Funding currently via PCTs. In future, overall resource allocation to NHSCB which will determine sums required for its own purposes and for consortia. In 2010/11 plans envisage:

- £509 million for national specialised services
- £5025 million for regionally commissioned services (SCGs)
- £4247 million for PCT commissioned specialised services

TOTAL £9.8 billion

ie NHSCB will retain c£10 billion for specialised commissioning

Slow moving legislation, rapid reform

- **Moving towards one specialised commissioning team, locally based**
- **Identifying costs to be transferred from PCTs to NHSCB**
- **Determining content of mandate on specialised services**
- **Establishing basis for convergence in provision of services**
- **Developing generic commissioning policies such as:**
 - **Ethical framework for priority setting and resource allocation**
 - **Individual funding requests**
 - **Experimental and unproven treatments**
 - **Ongoing access to treatments following trials**
- **QIPP plans for ten priority services**

Issues and Opportunities

- Commitment of the NHSCB to specialised services
- Composition of mandate for NHSCB – CAG review of SSNDS
- Quality of policies driving national convergence
- Staffing for specialised commissioning
- Ensuring integrated care, for example via specialised senates

Potential to deliver

- Consistent nationwide access to high quality specialised care
- Constant focus on specialised commissioning at the top of the NHS
- Innovation fund to support managed introduction of new treatments

Federation's Focus

- Ensuring that the new arrangements for specialised commissioning support high quality services for patients
- Strengthening the innovation pathway and the role of specialist hospitals in adoption and diffusion
- Enhancing clinical involvement in the development of the national tariff

In Conclusion

**Will the NHS Commissioning Board lead
by example?**

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