



We are currently working in partnership with our local Clinical commissioning group. Clinical commissioning groups (CCGs) are NHS organisations set up by the Health and Social Care Act 2012 to organise the delivery of NHS services in England.

As part of our Sugar Smart work, we have been taking our 'Fruit Caravan' into local Health Centre waiting rooms to talk to patients about healthy eating and the work we do at school to promote healthy lifestyles. As part of this work, we have now linked up with our Local CCG and we are very excited to announce that:

On the 15th February 2019, the local CCG NHS representatives are going to host their board meeting here at Lowerplace Primary School.

In preparation for the meeting, Phil Burton - NHS Engagement Lead for Heywood, Middleton and Rochdale Clinical Commissioning Groups, will come into school to work with us on the following projects:

- Health Ambassadors will come into school to talk about their careers, the challenges and answer children's questions about their role in the NHS.
- Commissioning Exercise – the children become the commissioners for the NHS and decide how they are going to spend their budgets – which NHS services and why? They will need to be able to justify their decisions. They will receive a phone call during the sessions, which will direct them to change their spend due to financial pressures!
- 'Who wants to be a health millionaire?' – based on the TV quiz.

Our Y6 ambassadors are then invited to the very important CCG Strategy Meeting where they will present their work, focusing on 'what the NHS means to them'. They then will have a session where they can inform the board what NHS services they think should be available, justifying their views from their perspective. Who knows where this initiative will lead us!

