

Health and Adult Social Care Scrutiny Committee – 4th July 2011

**Report of the Director of NHS Dudley, Assistant Chief Executive, Board Secretary,
Black Country Cluster**

Progress report on the development of the Black Country Cluster of PCTs

Purpose of Report

1. The NHS is facing unprecedented challenges. In responding to these challenges, the 2011/12 Operating Framework described the next stage of the NHS reforms. It sets out the conclusion that it will not be possible to retain effective management capacity in all PCTs until their abolition in 2013. In response the current PCTs in the Black Country are being retained as statutory organisations, but there is a consolidation of management capacity, with a single executive team. There is a single Chief Executive, accountable for quality, finance, performance, QIPP and the development of commissioning functions across the Black Country Cluster.
2. This report gives a progress report on the development of the Black Country Cluster of PCTs.

Progress

3. The Chief Executive for the Black Country Cluster was appointed on 1 April 2011 and is the accountable officer for the four PCTs, Dudley, Sandwell, Walsall and Wolverhampton.
4. The Executive team has now been appointed to and is as follows:
 - Director of Commissioning Development/Managing Director of Sandwell PCT – Andy Williams
 - Medical Director/ Managing Director of NHS Dudley – Steve Cartwright
 - Director of Nursing and Quality/ Managing Director of NHS Walsall – Salma Ali
 - Director of Finance – (James Green, Acting Director of Finance for Sandwell PCT, is to take up the position of Acting Director of Finance for the cluster until an appointment is made in July).
 - Managing Director of Wolverhampton PCT – Jon Crockett
 - Assistant Chief Executive – Board Secretary* – Kimara Sharpe
 - Assistant Chief Executive – Communications* – Richard Haynes
 - Assistant Chief Executive – HR/OD* – Mal Madders

** Non-voting board posts*

5. The Board has met three times, twice in 'shadow' form and once in public. As well as the Chief Executive and the posts listed in section 3 above, other members of the Board are as follows:

Chairs of Black Country PCTs

Mrs G Cooper	Interim Chair, NHS Dudley (chair)
Dr G Archenhold	Chair, NHS Walsall

Mr R Nugent	Chair, Sandwell PCT
Mr J Oatridge	Chair, Wolverhampton City PCT

Non-Executive Directors of Black Country PCTs

Mrs J Jasper	Non-Executive Director, NHS Dudley
Ms N Devi	Non-Executive Director, Sandwell PCT
Mrs G Siggins	Non-Executive Director, NHS Walsall
Mr B Jones	Non-Executive Director, Wolverhampton City PCT

Mr M Nizar	SHA Non-Executive Director*
Miss P Jones	Patient and Public Representative*
Mr D Orme	Patient and Public Representative*

** Non-Voting members*

6. The Cluster continues to support local PCTs in continuing the NHS agenda which includes the support of local consortia in the Black Country, quality and value for money.
7. The Cluster is also crucial in ensuring the workforce is supported in the current uncertain climate and recognising when areas within individual PCTs have resilience problems.
8. The first Board meeting held on 31 May concentrated on stroke and cancer outcomes and processes. Papers for the meeting are available at www.dudley.nhs.uk/ClusterBoard.

Finance

9. No financial issues for the Committee arising from this report

Law

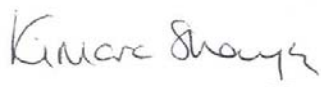
10. No legal issues for the Committee arising from this report

Equality Impact

11. No equality issues for the Committee arising from this report.

Recommendation

12. It is recommended that:-
 - The Committee notes this report.



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