

UPDATE ON THE CLINICAL COMMISSIONING GROUP

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1. PURPOSE

1.1. To inform HWB Board members on progress with establishment of the Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG)

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

2.1. That the Board:

Note the progress to establishment of the CCG as a statutory organisation

3. SUMMARY OF ACTIVITY AND PROGRESS

3.1. The CCG has been making progress through the authorisation process in Wave 2 of the applications since April 2012.

3.2. The authorisation process requires:

- Submission of a suite of documents in evidence of the organisational preparedness;
- Approval of the 'top' three roles of Chair, Accountable Officer and Chief Finance Officer;
- A Multisource Feedback survey of stakeholders in the CCG;
- A formal report from the Strategic Health Authority;
- A site visit and 'panel day' to pursue Key Lines of Enquiry coming from the submitted evidence.

3.3. Telford and Wrekin CCG has:

- Submitted the suite of documents on the 30th August (ahead of deadline)
- Had all three leaders assessed and judged to be "Ready for appointment now"
- Received the collated results from the Multisource Feedback, which are very favourable
- Received and responded to the report from the SHA
- Agreed the date of the 1st November for the Site Visit.

3.4. Following the assessment, the CCG will receive a final report that both identifies any development needs, and makes a recommendation for authorisation. This can be one of three options. "Authorised now with no conditions", "Authorised now with conditions that can be discharged in time" "Authorised with significant conditions that need to be discharged before the statutory role is assumed". Effectively the last option is to say "Not Authorised yet".

3.5. T&W CCG is optimistic that, following the assessment, we will be "Authorised now" and expect that there will be some conditions, albeit manageable ones

3.6. The CCG has now appointed all members of the Governance Board. There is a development day on the 11th September and a further pre-site visit meeting in October..

- 3.7. The executive and managerial structure of the CCG has been finalised, following staff and stakeholder consultation. We are now in the process of appointing to the roles, initially from staff within the PCT. It is expected that all roles will be filled by the end of September.
- 3.8. The CCG has appointed the Staffordshire and Shropshire Commissioning Support Organisation to provide back and middle office functions for our commissioning activities. Work is underway to appoint to posts in this organisation. Also to agree a service level agreement for activity.
- 3.9. The Head of the Local Area Team of the National Commissioning Board has been appointed. He is Graham Urwin, formerly CEO of the Staffordshire Cluster of PCTs. We have an initial meeting on the 13th September. The CCG has also met with The Regional Director of the National Commissioning Board, Dr Paul Watson. It is clear that The Commissioning Board is primarily concerned with health outcomes. Informal feedback from this meeting was very favourable.
- 3.10. The CCG continues to hold delegated authority from the Cluster Board for Commissioning in the locality. Currently, we are on target financially for the year.