

Wellbeing Policy Development and Scrutiny Panel

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Key issues briefing note

B&NES Clinical Commissioning Group (B&NES CCG) update

B&NES Clinical Commissioning Group (B&NES CCG) is the new organisation made up of local GPs that will be responsible for planning and arranging around £210 million-worth of health services when it takes over responsibilities from the primary care trust next April.

Appointments

B&NES CCG is in the process of appointing its executive nurse and secondary care consultant. Following a recruitment process the post of executive nurse has been offered and accepted. Details are now being finalised. Meanwhile we are currently short-listing for the post of secondary care consultant.

The structures of the CCG have now been approved and recruitment to these posts is proceeding.

Appointments to date:

- Dr Ian Orpen as Chair
- Dr Simon Douglass as Clinical Accountable Officer
- Sarah James as Chief Finance Officer
- Tracey Cox as Chief Operating Officer

Two lay members have also been appointed to the Governing body. They are:

- John Paul Sanders, lay member for Patient and Public Involvement
- John Holden, audit, governance and vice chair

Authorisation

Before CCGs become legally constituted bodies they must go through a rigorous and extensive assessment process called authorisation. A team of 10-strong including Andrea Young, Chief Operating Officer NHS South of England and Tim Kelsey, National Director for Patients and Information at the NHS Commissioning Board (NHS CB) held an authorisation site visit in Bath on Friday November 9. The aim of the site visit was to assess B&NES CCG's technical submission which covers 119

criteria across six domains. This submission is an important element towards B&NES CCG achieving its status as a legally constituted body from April 1 2013.

The panel was suitably impressed by the progress in B&NES. Of the 119 criteria assessed, B&NES CCG received 106 greens. The CCG is confident of achieving full authorisation with no conditions.

Commissioning support service

Commissioning support across the country will be provided by 23 organisations known as commissioning support services. In essence commissioning support organisations will provide much of the backroom function not directly provided by the CCG.

B&NES and Wiltshire are part of the Central Southern Commissioning Support Service. Central Southern will be hosted by the National Commissioning Board through Local Area Teams from October 2012 which will offer more stability for staff.

Central Southern Commissioning Support Unit has presented us with a proposal for a package of support with indicative pricing. We are now looking at this and will be working on our final service specifications, with a view to agreement by the end of November.

Central Southern Commissioning Support Unit appointments

Central Southern Commissioning Support Unit has appointed John Wilderspin as its Managing Director. John has a distinguished track record in the NHS having worked as National Director for Health and Wellbeing Board Implementation at the Department of Health as well as holding the post of CEO at both acute trust and at primary care trust. Four of the six posts within the senior team have been appointed and the structures which sit below are also being appointed too.

Primary care trust

Ed Macalister-Smith retired last month (October) and Jenny Howells is acting Chief Executive.

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