

Bath & North East Somerset Council

MEETING:	Wellbeing Policy Development and Scrutiny Panel	
MEETING DATE:	29 th November 2011	AGENDA ITEM NUMBER
TITLE:	Contributor Session on proposed clustering arrangements between NHS Bath and North East Somerset and NHS Wiltshire	
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1. THE ISSUE

This contributor session is to consider the context for the proposed clustering arrangements of NHS Bath & North East Somerset and NHS Wiltshire and the related implications for:

- Our current arrangements in the form of Bath and North East Somerset's Health and Wellbeing Partnership and joint commissioning arrangements.
- Future organisational arrangements with the Clinical Commissioning Group and proposed Commissioning Support Unit.

2. RECOMMENDATION

2.1. The Wellbeing Policy Development and Scrutiny Panel is asked to:

Hear from a variety of invited speakers and participate in question and answer discussions. Invited contributors include:

- Joint Chief Executive of NHS Bath and North East Somerset and NHS Wiltshire
- Chair of NHS Bath and North East Somerset
- Strategic Director for People and Communities
- Local Involvement Network (LINKs)
- Clinical Commissioning Group

2.2 Consider, if appropriate, making recommendations on the clustering proposals to appropriate parties.

3. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

3.1 The costs associated with this review will be met from within the annual budget available to the Panel

4. THE REPORT

4.1 As part of the proposals in the *Health and Social Care Bill* all Primary Care Trusts (PCTs) across the country have been 'clustering' in preparation for the move towards Clinical Commissioning Groups taking on the 'commissioning' role from PCT's in April 2013.

Locally, NHS Bath and North East Somerset have clustered with NHS Wiltshire and is in the process of establishing a joint executive structure and joint board.

The purpose of this contributor session is to consider the context for the proposed clustering arrangements of NHS Bath & North East Somerset and NHS Wiltshire and the related implications for:

- Our current arrangements in the form of Bath and North East Somerset's Health and Wellbeing Partnership Board and joint working arrangements
- Future organisational arrangements with the Clinical Commissioning Group and proposed Commissioning Support Units

Excluded:

The focus of the contributor session is on exploring issues in Bath and North East Somerset rather than Wiltshire

5 RISK MANAGEMENT

5.1 A risk assessment related to the issue and recommendations has been undertaken, in compliance with the Council's decision making risk management guidance.

6 EQUALITIES

6.1 The impact on persons with protected characteristics will be considered as part of the future arrangements of delivering services.

7 CONSULTATION

Overview & Scrutiny Panel; Other B&NES Services; Stakeholders/Partners; Section 151 Finance Officer; Monitoring Officer

7.1 Consultation was carried out via telephone, e-mail and at meetings

8 ISSUES TO CONSIDER IN REACHING THE DECISION

Corporate

9 ADVICE SOUGHT

The Council's Monitoring Officer (Council Solicitor) and Section 151 Officer (Divisional Director - Finance) have had the opportunity to input to this report and have cleared it for publication.

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Background papers

Department of Health “Developing Clinical Commissioning Groups: Towards Transition” published September 2011.

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