

AGENDA MANAGEMENT SHEET

<i>Name of Committee</i>	Health Overview & Scrutiny Committee
<i>Date of Committee</i>	18 October 2006
<i>Report Title</i>	Establishment of a new Mental Health Trust in NHS West Midlands from 1st October 2006
<i>Summary</i>	The Committee to note a letter from the Department of Health dated the 31st July 2006 confirming approval for the establishment of the new Mental Health Trust effective from the 1st October 2006.
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Dear Ms Bower

Application to establish a new Mental Health Trust in NHS West Midlands from 1 October 2006

Further to Grace Hampson's letter of 12th May 2006, I am writing to you to confirm that on 13th July Caroline Flint, Minister of State for Public Health, approved the application to establish the Coventry and Warwickshire Partnership NHS Trust from 1st October 2006.

The establishment of the new NHS Trust will take place in the context of the other reconfiguration which Ministers had already agreed would take place in the region. Overall, therefore, the reconfiguration will involve the dissolution of North Warwickshire, Rugby and South Warwickshire PCTs and the establishment of a single Warwickshire PCT; the amendment of the Coventry PCT Establishment Order; the establishment of a new Coventry and Warwickshire Partnership NHS Trust; and the transfer of staff, property, rights and liabilities from the 3 dissolving PCTs and Coventry PCT to the new PCT and the new NHS trust.

It will not be possible to incorporate the emergent themes from the consultation and the Essential Design Principles into the Establishment Order, however we expect that these will be respected as and when the new Trust is established as follows:

- The importance of separating the management of commissioning from the management of providing
- The need to protect local resources for local people and to promote levelling up not down
- The need to continue to work closely with primary care, local authorities and all relevant agencies to reduce inequalities and build strong working relationships
- That service users and carers are at the heart of service delivery and have a clear voice within the new Trust
- That there are strong systems for continuing professional development and for staff and Staff Side involvement within the Trust
- The importance of ensuring that mental health, learning disability and substance misuse services remain responsive to local need with different commissioners and therefore allow for legitimate differences, in the way that services are managed and delivered when local circumstances require a particular approach
- The importance of providing a range of coordinated services that can promote recovery and independence
- The importance of services being delivered via a fully integrated multi disciplinary, multi agency service bringing together Health and Social Care services in a singularly managed service, which reflects the strengths and traditions of both
- That the proposals maintain accountability to the local communities

My colleague, Peter Cockett, is liaising with Grace Hampson to facilitate the establishment of the Coventry and Warwickshire Partnership NHS Trust as will the Department's Commissioning a Patient-Led NHS Team to effect the PCT organisational changes. Please contact me if I can be of any further assistance.

Yours sincerely

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