

DECISION-MAKER:	HEALTH OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY PANEL
SUBJECT:	ESTABLISHING THE SHIP PCT CLUSTER
DATE OF DECISION:	22 JUNE 2010
REPORT OF:	ROB DALTON, DIRECTOR OF CORPORATE AND SUPPORT SERVICES, SHIP CLUSTER
STATEMENT OF CONFIDENTIALITY	

BRIEF SUMMARY This paper updates members on the establishment of cluster working across PCTs in Southampton, Hampshire, Isle of Wight and Portsmouth. It is the same paper that was considered and agreed by the SHIP PCT Cluster Board on 6 June, 2011. Also attached is a profile ‘snapshot’ of the new SHIP PCT cluster and its four constituent PCTs, with an emphasis on key facts and information.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

- (i) To note the establishment of the PCT cluster and the establishment of its headquarters in Oakley Road, Southampton.

REASONS FOR REPORT RECOMMENDATIONS

1. To ensure members are aware of the current position in relation to the SHIP cluster and NHS Southampton City.

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED

2. None – the establishment of PCT Clusters was required by central government.

DETAIL (Including consultation carried out)

3. A paper setting out proposals for how best to configure governance arrangements for PCTs in the SHIP area (NHS Southampton City, NHS Hampshire, NHS Isle of Wight and NHS Portsmouth) has been presented to, and approved by, the four PCT Boards separately at their public Board meetings. The four PCT Boards have agreed to establish a joint committee (Cluster Board) with their PCT partners in the SHIP area, as required by national direction, working under a specified scheme of delegation.

The creation of clusters is intended to:

- sustain management capacity, and a clear line of accountability, and provide greater security for the delivery of current PCT functions in terms of statutory duties, quality, finance, performance, QIPP and NHS Constitution requirements through to March 2013;
- provide space for developing GP Commissioning Consortia to operate effectively;
- provide a basis for the development of commissioning support arrangements, allowing current commissioners and new entrants to develop a range of commissioning support solutions from which consortia and the NHS Commissioning Board can secure expert support;
- similarly, provide space for new arrangements with local authorities, and particularly Health and Wellbeing Boards to develop;
- provide a mechanism to enable high quality NHS staff to move to new roles

in consortia, commissioning support arrangements and the NHS Commissioning Board, including minimising unnecessary redundancy costs; and

- support the provider reform element of the transition particularly in terms of ensuring progress with the FT pipeline through commissioning plans.

RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

Capital/Revenue

4 None

Property/Other

5 None

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

Statutory power to undertake proposals in the report:

- 6 The 'Operating Framework for the NHS in England 2011/12' set out how Primary Care Trusts (PCTs) would be expected to meet the challenges set out in the White Paper and its associated policy documents. The 'PCT Cluster Implementation Guidance' set out how existing PCTs would be retained as statutory organisations to avoid adding to disruption from reorganisation. It also stated that there would be a consolidation of management capacity, with single executive teams, each managing a cluster of PCTs. These new clusters would not be statutory bodies, nor were they to be permanent features of the landscape, but they would be necessary to sustain PCT capability and enable the creation of the new system.
- 7 The duty to undertake overview and scrutiny is set out in Section 21 of the Local Government Act 2000 and the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007. The SHIP PCT Cluster will continue to work with Overview and Scrutiny Committees across SHIP to ensure that it fulfils its statutory requirement to consult with the Committees and to maintain the excellent working relationships already in place.

Other Legal Implications:

8 None

POLICY FRAMEWORK IMPLICATIONS

9 None

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KEY DECISION?

WARDS/COMMUNITIES AFFECTED:	City-wide
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SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION

Non-confidential appendices are in the Members' Rooms and can be accessed on-line

Appendices

1.	SHIP Cluster Board: Establishment and Governance Arrangements (N.B. Appendix 2 – Draft Standing Orders is not included but is available on SHIP PCT websites)
2.	SHIP Cluster Profile

Documents In Members' Rooms

Integrated Impact Assessment

Do the implications/subject of the report require an Integrated Impact Assessment (IIA) to be carried out.	Yes/No
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Other Background Documents

Integrated Impact Assessment and Other Background documents available for inspection at:

Title of Background Paper(s)

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