

## PPI Sub-Committee Meeting Report- 13<sup>th</sup> December 2011

- Dr Brian Smith, Chairman of NHS Worcestershire, attendee to enable him to give an update on how the transition was taking place from PCT to Clinical Commissioning Groups (CCG)
  - With effect from 15<sup>th</sup> January 2012, the PCT becomes part of the West Mercia Cluster. The Cluster Board will have 2 x Non-Executive Directors from each of the antecedent PCTs: Worcestershire, Herefordshire, Shropshire and Telford & Wrekin, so it will be more remote from local affairs. There will be sub-committees, but not a PPI, and the CCGs would take over the consultation responsibility. Dr Smith wanted to know our views.
  - Only the Wyre Forest CCG has the necessary structure at the moment to do this. The other two will need to address this quickly.
  - The PPI made the point to Dr Smith that they believed that it was extremely important that there should be a PPI process with Commissioners, and that it should not be taken on by the Health and Care Trust, who are themselves just another provider. The PPI felt that even after the advent of the CCGs and the demise of the PCT in the Cluster there should still be a county wide PPI forum since there will be services that are commissioned across CCGs, if not county wide.
- Dr Smith said that both the Worcestershire Acute Trust and the health and Care Trusts were having real difficulty achieving the 4% year on year efficiencies that they are tasked to meet.
- The previous West Midlands Strategic Health Authority is no more. It has amalgamated with the East of England SHA and so Worcestershire is now covered by the Midlands and East, which is based in Cambridge.
- Rosemary Williams who is currently on loan from NHS Worcestershire to the South Worcestershire CCG gave us a brief on their progress that also covered some points regarding the other two CCGs. (Greater detail in the attached Brief)
  - All Worcestershire Practices are now in one of the three CCGs
  - The two in the north of the county, Wyre Forest and Redditch and Bromsgrove, have decided to share a Chief Operations Officer, and have appointed Simon Hairsnape. Each has its own separate Board. There are ongoing discussions about sharing some support functions.
  - All three CCGs are in a health financial position. Delegated authority is for £300m of services.
  - The CCGs have started Liaison Board with Worcester Acute and Health and Care NHS Trusts. It was pointed out that they are not the only providers and that all providers should be treated alike.
  - All CCGs are now going through an Authorisation process. They have to apply by July 2012 and, so long as they meet a of criteria will be authorised in October 2012.
- Concern was expressed by the PPI members of the lack of consultation by the Health and Care Trust in changes to services.
- We had an excellent presentation on the Oncology Project and attach the briefing slides.