

# Stakeholder Brief

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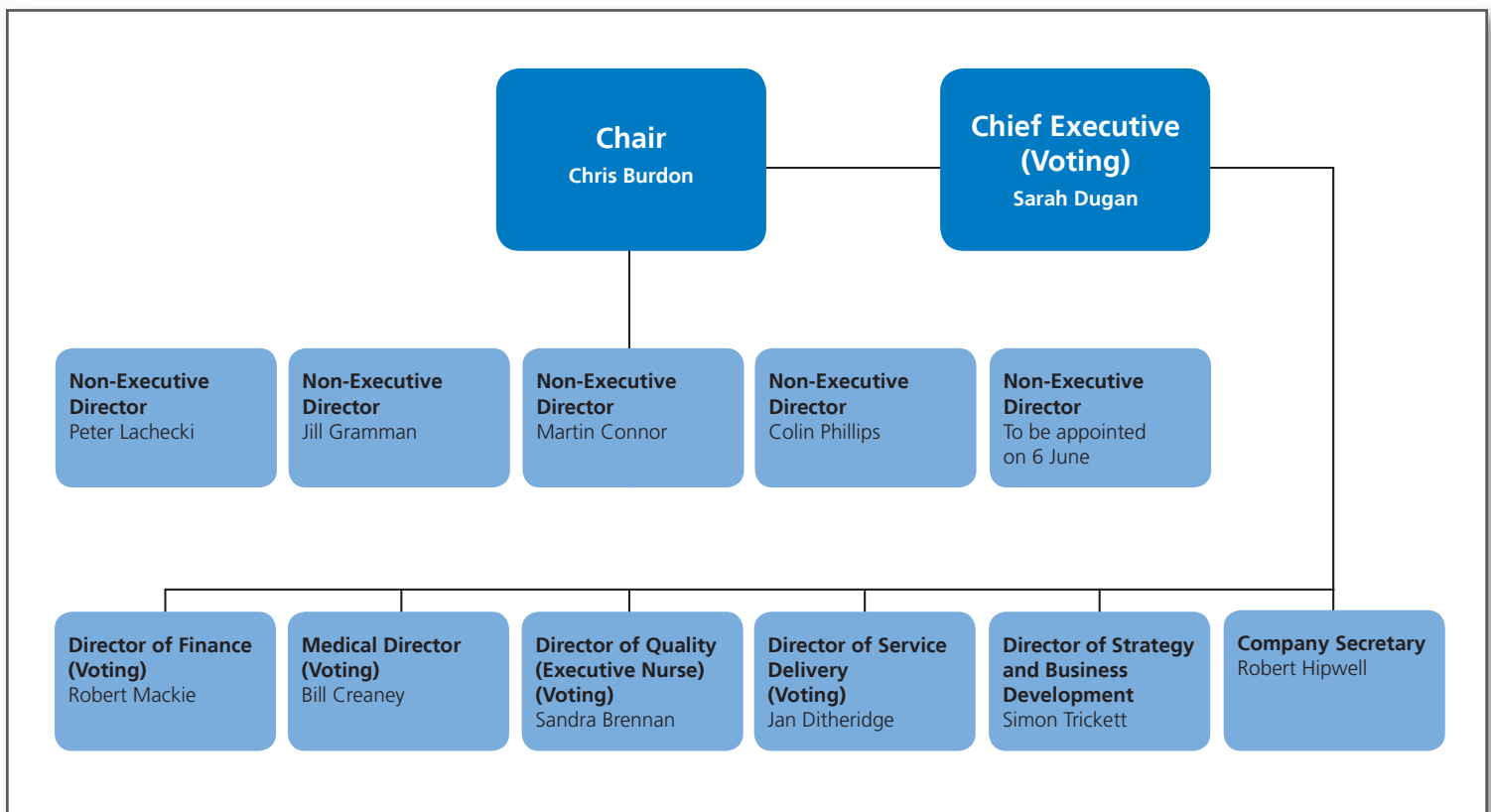
## Worcestershire Health and Care NHS Trust formally established

A new health care and trust to provide community and mental health services across Worcestershire has been established today (Friday 1 July).

Worcestershire Health and Care NHS Trust will provide the vast majority of the services which were previously managed by Worcestershire Primary Care NHS Trust's Provider Arm, such as community

hospitals and district nursing, as well as the mental health services that until now have been managed by Worcestershire Mental Health Partnership NHS Trust.

### The Board



Health bosses agree that the new combined Trust will provide a more efficient and seamless service for those patients and service users who would previously have had to access services from both organisations.

They also believe that that the new organisation, which will have a budget of £155million and employ

almost 5,000 members of staff, will be of the necessary size to be sustainable and viable in the new environment for health services that was created following the publication of the Government's White Paper last year.

*"Shaping this new organisation, to enable the transformation of the services it delivers, is an exciting opportunity which will involve close co-operation and partnership working with all of our stakeholders. Our focus will be on the efficient provision of high quality, integrated services across Worcestershire."*

**Chris Burdon, Chairman of Worcestershire Health and Care NHS Trust**

*"It is great to be back working in Worcestershire, and really pleasing to see how passionate and engaged the community is in the delivery of local healthcare. I would like to reassure patients and service users that there will be no sudden 'radical overhaul' – this process is about working in partnership with our stakeholders to build on the excellent services that are already delivered across the county, and further improve the patient and service user experience."*

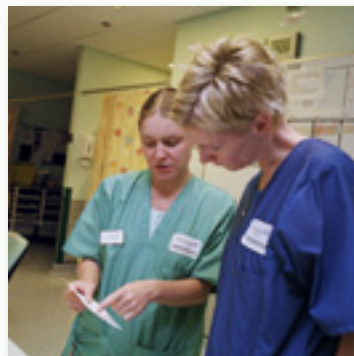
**Sarah Dugan, Chief Executive of Worcestershire Health and Care NHS Trust**

The Board of NHS Worcestershire agreed the preferred option for the management of both mental health and community health services at its Board Meeting last September, following extensive engagement with staff, patients and service users.

As part of the process, a small range of services such as breast screening and some of the specialist nursing services transferred to Worcestershire Acute

Hospitals NHS Trust, as did the management of the Wyre Forest GP Community Unit at Kidderminster Hospital, a proposal that has been particularly supported by local GPs.

The management and provision of the day case minor surgery that currently takes place at Tenbury and Evesham Community Hospitals is also now managed by the Acute Trust.



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