

News from the Sussex PCT Cluster

Stakeholder bulletin



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Welcome back from your Easter break. I hope you had time to relax and enjoy the sunshine.

Governance

The Sussex Cluster's PCTs will hold their Board meetings during May where we will bring proposals for the governance arrangements as part of the establishment of the cluster. These include standing orders, the terms of reference for the Cluster Board as well as a scheme of delegation.

I am sure you can imagine how many discussions have taken place with all stakeholders across the county to make sure that what we will put in place will add value and support the delivery of the reform agenda. I will be back in touch shortly after to update you on what was agreed and how we will all work together.

Executive team

I thought it would be helpful to spell out what each member of the executive team will focus their energies on.

Sharmila Nebhrajani

Director of Finance

Sussex-wide financial strategy; performance management; running costs plans; Sussex-wide business case evaluation and prioritisation; estates; and IT

Michael Schofield

Managing Director: Area/PCTs

Performance management of PCTs; co-ordination of integrated plans; area leadership; management of local scheme of delegation; and provider development

Julia Dutchman-Bailey

Director of Quality and Governance/ Chief Nurse

Duties of quality and safety; safeguarding; patient experience; governance and assurance; risk, complaints and SUIs; CQC; and DIPCE

Sue Braysher

Director of Transition and Commissioning Development

HR and workforce planning, organisational development, commissioning development plan; specialist commissioning; networking commissioning; Sussex-wide commissioning; consortia and local authority development; and transition through clusters

Claire Quigley

Director of Delivery (QIPP)

Supporting the planning and delivery of each area's integrated plans; development of the Cluster integrated plan; programme management responsibilities of integrated plans; Sussex-wide transformation programmes; QIPP lead; performance lead; and lead for Sussex Faculty

Frank Sims

Director of the Sussex Commissioning Support Unit

Contracts; procurement; business intelligence and knowledge management; performance information; and performance of contracts

To be appointed

Medical Director

Clinical leadership and engagement; quality assurance; individual funding requests; Caldicott Guardian; revalidation; clinical training and education; IT solutions for consortia; liaison with secondary, community and mental health clinicians

My priorities

While it is clearly important to get the structure of the cluster right, I have been primarily occupied the past month with getting to know the patch in detail. There is much to learn - QIPP plans, finances, performance, foundation trust applications, the state of play with each local authority.

All of these visits and discussions are helping to crystallise the role of the cluster, so that we facilitate the transition.



I appreciate that it must feel quite abstract at the moment, but we are moving at pace to develop the systems in place to start the delegation to consortia and the local authorities. And while all this happens, we will support staff to continue to focus on their work because this is all about achieving high quality patient care.

The listening exercise

I'd like to quickly reflect on the [listening exercise](#) and what that means for the transition. There is a further opportunity to send views to the [NHS Future Forum](#), chaired by Professor Steve Field, the former Chair of the Royal College of GPs.

He is keen, as we all are, to make the final legislation as effective as possible in delivering an NHS which is the amongst the best in the world.

This listening exercise gives Professor Field and his colleagues on the NHS Future Forum the chance to gather the evidence they need to refine the proposals. I would encourage you to consider the scope of the pause and send in any thoughts you may have.

With all best wishes,

Amanda