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To: All PCT staff

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Dear Colleague

NHS ORGANISATIONAL DEVELOPMENT: CONSULTATION ON STRUCTURAL CHANGES

We have now moved into the formal consultation phase on PCT and Strategic Health Authority (SHA) reconfiguration and I am writing to inform you of how you can have your say on the options for change.

Options

As you may know, the consultation officially began today and will run for a 14 week period, ending on March 22nd.

The SHA were asked to consult on two options for PCT reconfiguration in Avon, Gloucestershire and Wiltshire:

- Option 1 – 7 PCTs; including the creation of a Gloucestershire PCT
- Option 2 – 3 PCTs; including the creation of a PCT covering the Gloucestershire area. Within the last week, we have also been informed that the Strategic Health Authority wish to consult on where Swindon should best fit as part of Option 2 and information on this will be included within the consultation document that will be sent to your line manager shortly. It is also available on the SHA website at: www.agwsha.nhs.uk/nhsreconfiguration.

The consultation document will also ask for views on two options for the future configuration of SHAs as set out in my letter dated 1st December.

Staff Briefings

A number of briefings have been organised to bring staff up to date on the latest developments concerning PCT Reconfiguration and to respond to any questions that you may have. The details, which have already been promoted through an earlier bulletin, are:

- Monday 19th December, 12.30pm - 1.30pm, Boardroom, Highnam
- Tuesday 20th December, 9am - 10am – Lydney and District Hospital
- Tuesday 20th December, 10.45am - 11.45am – Dilke Memorial Hospital

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- Thursday 22nd December, 9am - 10am – Oxstalls Tennis Centre, Plock Court, Gloucester.

Please contact Denise Kemeys on 01452 3895151, E-mail denise.kemeys@glos.nhs.uk as soon as possible indicating which briefing you would like to attend. It would also be helpful if staff could attend the briefings that are local to where they work where this is possible as room space at each venue may be limited.

If you have a staff meeting already arranged that you would like us to attend please let me know and we will do our best to attend.

The Consultation Document and ways to feedback

We are currently awaiting copies of AGW SHA's consultation document 'The future shape of your NHS'. When they arrive we will distribute them to Line Managers and ask them to make sure that everyone within their team has the opportunity to see a copy. Although there will be a limited number of hardcopy documents available, you can have your say using one of the methods described below:

- Completing the Freepost section on the consultation document
- Writing to Avon, Gloucestershire and Wiltshire Strategic Health Authority at the following address: Jenner House, Langley Park Estate, Chippenham, Wilts, SN15 1GG
- Sending an e-mail to: nhsreconfiguration@agwsha.nhs.uk
- Filling out an on-line questionnaire at: www.agwsha.nhs.uk/nhsreconfiguration
- We will also keep a note of any comments made at staff briefing sessions.

I would like to encourage you to take part in this consultation. It provides a real opportunity to help make sure that the NHS has the best possible structure in place to support our shared objective of delivering better services for all patients.

I will keep you informed of any developments and I would like to thank you for all your hard work on behalf of our patients and for continuing to support the existing organisation in maintaining operational performance now and over the coming months.

Yours sincerely

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Chief Executive