

**NHS DORSET CLINICAL COMMISSIONING GROUP
GOVERNING BODY MEETING
CHIEF OFFICER UPDATE**

Date of the meeting	18/03/2015
Author	C Lakeman – Governing Body Secretary
Sponsoring Board Member	T Goodson – Chief Officer
Purpose of Report	To inform the Governing Body on matters of interest.
Recommendation	The Governing Body is asked to note the report.
Stakeholder Engagement	N/A
Previous GB / Committee/s, Dates	N/A

Monitoring and Assurance Summary

This report links to the following Strategic Principles	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Services designed around people • Preventing ill health and reducing inequalities • Sustainable healthcare services • Care closer to home 		
	Yes [e.g. ✓]	Any action required?	
		Yes Detail in report	No
All three Domains of Quality (Safety, Quality, Patient Experience)	✓		✓
Board Assurance Framework/Risk Register	✓		✓
Budgetary Impact	✓		✓
Legal/Regulatory	✓		✓
People/Staff	✓		✓
Financial /Value for Money/Sustainability	✓		✓
Information Management & Technology	✓		✓
Equality Impact Assessment	✓		✓
Freedom of Information	✓		✓
I confirm that I have considered the implications of this report on each of the matters above, as indicated	✓		

Initials : CGL

1. Introduction

- 1.1 This report aims to provide a briefing for Governing Body members on key issues currently being managed or reviewed by the Dorset Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG).
- 1.2 Further information on each of the issues is available from the identified lead Director.

2. Items of Interest

Dorset Health and Wellbeing Board

Lead Clinician : Forbes Watson, CCG Chair

- 2.1 Please follow the link below to the papers for the Dorset Health and Wellbeing Board held on 4 March 2015. At the time of writing the minutes are not yet available, but once they are, can be accessed by the same link.

<http://www1.dorsetforyou.com/Council/COMMIS2013.nsf/MIN?OpenView&Count=1000&id=69A42614BEF7E86B4FB7692E4F59B6F2>

Bournemouth and Poole Health and Wellbeing Board

Lead Director: Jane Pike, Director of Service Delivery

- 2.2 Please follow the link below to the papers for the Bournemouth and Poole Health and Wellbeing Board held on 5 March 2015. At the time of writing the minutes are not yet available, but once they are, can be accessed by the same link.

<http://www.bournemouth.gov.uk/CouncilDemocratic/CouncilMeetings/CommitteesPanels/BournemouthPooleHealthWellbeingBoard.aspx>

Primary Care Commissioning

Lead Clinician: Andy Rutland, Shadow Joint Primary Care Committee Chair

Changes to the CCG's Constitution have been approved and subject to approval of the Terms of Reference of the Joint Primary Care Committee, all approvals are expected. An advert has been placed for a lay Chair to chair the Committee.

CCG Assurance

Lead: Tim Goodson, Chief Officer

- 2.3 360 Stakeholder survey has been brought forward due to the election and the survey will run from 9 March – 3 April 2015. We have identified our list of stakeholders and submitted these to IPSOS Mori on 27 February 2015. Results will be collated and reports due on 8 May 2015 in time for our Quarter 4 Assurance meeting on 25 June 2015.

- 2.4 Quarter 3 Assurance meeting will be held on 9 April 2015, work is currently underway to prepare for this meeting.

Vanguard Application

- 2.5 We submitted the Vanguard application on behalf of the Health Community in Dorset on Friday 6 February. Our application was focussed on our Clinical Services Review and our aim to transform the system to ensure future clinical and financial sustainability. Over 250 applications have been received nationally and successful applicants will be notified by end February 2015.

General Election, Local Election

- 2.6 The 2015 General Election will take place on 7 May 2015. Between now and then we can reasonably expect the NHS to be under greater scrutiny than usual. It has been confirmed that Parliament will be dissolved on 30 March 2015 and this is when the restricted pre-election period (sometimes referred to as “Purdah”) will begin. The date is likely to be earlier in Dorset due to the local elections in Poole and Bournemouth a few days before the national period.
- 2.7 Once the Election is formally called, Cabinet Office will issue pre-election guidance to all Government Departments and their arm’s length bodies. Many of the principles in it will be relevant to NHS bodies, as we spend public money and make public announcements.
- 2.8 It is important that everyone is aware of the general principles that would apply in a pre-election period:-
- the NHS should remain politically impartial at all times – staff should not be asked to engage in activities which are likely to call into question the political impartiality of their organisation, or which could give rise to criticism that public resources are being used for party political purposes; and
 - NHS business should proceed as normal with no disruption to patient services – but as issues relating to the NHS tend to be high profile, and likely to attract far greater scrutiny in the pre-election period than would otherwise be the case, special care will be needed to avoid being caught up in issues of propriety or party political controversy.
- 2.9 With this in mind, the way that activities are handled before and during the pre-election period may need to change. For example, further consideration may need to be given to any new decisions, announcements or consultations - whether issued online, via bulletins, through the media or stakeholders - events or exhibitions, printed materials, speaking engagements, stakeholder engagement and requests for information.
- 2.10 In order to plan appropriately for the pre-election period and until formal General Election Guidance for 2015 is issued, colleagues across the health and care system are advised to review the [existing Cabinet Office pre-election guidance from 2010](#).

- 2.11 Once the Cabinet Office issue guidance for 2015, further links will be provided. The published General Election timetable [can be found here](#). In the meantime, for all other election related queries, please contact the [communications](#) team.

3. Conclusion

- 3.1 These are the matters of interest that I wish to bring to the attention of the Governing Body.

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