

Item 7

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Dear Milkinderpal,

Black Country Partnership NHS Foundation Trust – proposed partnership

Following a meeting of the Black Country Partnership NHS Foundation Trust Board on Monday 14 December 2015, we are now able to inform you of the Board decision regarding the proposal for partnership with Black Country Partnership NHS Foundation Trust (BCPFT) received from:

- Birmingham Community Healthcare NHS Trust, and Dudley and Walsall Mental Health Partnership Trust (joint proposal)
- and
- Birmingham and Solihull Mental Health Foundation Trust

The Board's decision is that the joint proposal from Birmingham Community Healthcare NHS Trust, and Dudley and Walsall Mental Health Partnership Trust has been chosen as the preferred partnership.

We have informed the prospective partners, and our Governors and staff about the decision. We are also issuing an official announcement to the media embargoed until 11.00am on Wednesday 16 December 2015.

This is the first step in the partnership process and we will be meeting with Birmingham Community Healthcare NHS Trust, and Dudley and Walsall Mental Health Partnership Trust during January 2016 to discuss moving forward with the proposal. Due diligence and outline integration plans will now commence.

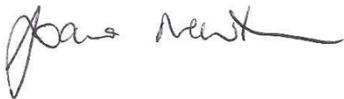


We will keep you informed about our progress with the proposed partnership, but if you have any questions please contact the Sustainability Team by email to sustainability@bcpft.nhs.uk.

We are now embarking on an exciting chapter in the Trust's history. We are grateful for your participation to date and the positive contribution you have made has been much valued. As we continue together in this transformational journey we welcome your involvement and support.

With sincere thanks.

Yours sincerely,

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Joanna Newton
Chair

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Karen Dowman
Chief Executive