

Commissioning Board

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Dear Colleague

The new commissioning system for NHS services in Surrey and Sussex

I am writing to update you on progress with the establishment of the new commissioning architecture for NHS services in Surrey and Sussex. As you will be aware, Primary Care Trusts and Strategic Health Authorities are abolished as of 31 March 2013. In their place, twelve clinical commissioning groups (CCGs) will commission services on behalf of their local populations, supported by commissioning support units (CSUs). The Surrey and Sussex area team of the National Commissioning Board forms the third part of the new system.

I wish to pay tribute to staff across the local NHS who have worked tirelessly to manage this important transition, whilst continuing their unswerving focus on the NHS constitution and, most importantly, the continued delivery of excellence in patient care.

The attached paper provides what I hope will be valuable background briefings on the area team, the clinical commissioning groups (CCGs) and other organisations in the new commissioning system in Surrey and Sussex. Where you require further detail, please do not hesitate to contact the respective organisation who will be happy to help.

The Surrey and Sussex area team is the local arm of the NHS Commissioning Board. We are responsible for:

- Commissioning primary care (GPs, dentists, optometrists and pharmacists) across Surrey and Sussex
- Specialist commissioning (this is for relatively rare and specialist treatments that need to be commissioned across higher population numbers).
- Emergency planning, resilience and response
- CCG development and assurance
- System oversight; partnerships; and quality and safety.

Details of my senior team are enclosed in the attached briefing. I and my team look forward to working with you as we continue improving care and outcomes for the people of Surrey and Sussex. You can contact me via the above address, or make

contact with other members of the team via Sally Robson, Executive Assistant, 01293 778899, sallyrobson1@nhs.net

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Amanda Fadero', written in a cursive style.

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