

**HEALTH OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY PANEL  
27 SEPTEMBER 2012**

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**NHS COMMISSIONING BOARD LOCAL AREA TEAMS AND CLINICAL SENATES**

**Assistant Chief Executive**

**1 PURPOSE OF REPORT**

- 1.1 This report invites the Health Overview and Scrutiny Panel to note the new structure for the NHS National Commissioning Board Local Area Teams and Clinical Senates, following abolition of the Strategic Health Authorities and Primary Care Trusts in 2013.

**2 RECOMMENDATION**

- 2.1 That the Health Overview and Scrutiny Panel notes the new structure for the NHS National Commissioning Board Local Area Teams and Clinical Senates.**

**3 SUPPORTING INFORMATION**

- 3.1 The structure, role and geographical coverage of the new National Commissioning Board Local Area Teams and Clinical Senates are set out in the attached briefing paper from the NHS Commissioning Board.
- 3.2 There will be 27 local area teams with staff working from a number of office bases across their geographical area. All local area teams will have the same core functions around clinical commissioning group (CCG) development and assurance, emergency planning, resilience and response, quality and safety, configuration, system oversight and partnerships and stakeholder engagement, with the senior leadership of the local area team participating as a full partner on health and wellbeing boards.
- 3.3 Clinical senates are intended to help Clinical Commissioning Groups (CCGs), Health and Wellbeing Boards and the NHS CB to make the best decisions about healthcare for the populations they represent by providing advice and leadership at a strategic level. They will be made up of a range of clinicians and professionals from health, including public health and social care alongside patients, public and others, as appropriate.

**ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED/ ADVICE RECEIVED FROM STATUTORY AND OTHER OFFICERS/ EQUALITIES IMPACT ASSESSMENT/ STRATEGIC RISK MANAGEMENT ISSUES / OTHER OFFICERS/ CONSULTATION – Not applicable**

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