

SUMMARY OF QUESTIONS – Wandsworth CCG Board meeting – June 2015

Question:	From:	Response from:
<p>The unprecedented revolt by members of N.H.S.Providers, [including St George’s Hospital] when the 2015/2016 tariffs were first announced by N.H.S.England, saw the new efficiency savings of 3.8% described by the group as “impossible”. The continued huge financial pressures from Government have led over a third of C.C.G.s in responding to a survey, say, that they were considering further limits on access or eligibility of patients to services as ways of coping with the situation. Is Wandsworth C.C.G considering any such plans in relation to the financial problems at our local providers?</p>	G Horner	We are not considering limiting access or eligibility as a response to the financial pressures providers are facing.
<p>1. Kay McCulloch has been appointed as the interim Programme Director for South West London Collaborative Commissioning (SWLCC). Her salary is being paid by PricewaterhouseCoopers Why has the appointment of PwC been made on a single tender waiver? What direct experience does Ms McCulloch have of the NHS?</p>	M Squires	<p>1. The post of Programme Director for SWLCC became available in March 2015 upon the retirement of Charlotte Joll. SWLCC made two unsuccessful attempts to appoint to the permanent post through an open recruitment process early in 2015.</p> <p>SWLCC therefore decided to appoint to an interim role for 6 months whilst a further recruitment process for the permanent post was undertaken.</p> <p>Three candidates, each from different management consultancies/interim agencies were interviewed for the role. Kay McCulloch was appointed on merit from amongst the available candidates. Kay is formally on a 6 months secondment from PWC to the SWLCC. Her work is directed by Dr Chris Elliott, Clinical Chief Officer of Sutton CCG, as Senior Responsible Officer for the SWLCC. No single tender waiver was required for the secondment.</p> <p>Kay holds varied experience of working at different levels of the NHS and partner organisations, including with provider trusts, CCGs, the Care Quality Commission and</p>

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<p>2. Given the commitment to out of hospital, care how many extra health professionals will Wandsworth CCG be employing in the next financial year?</p> <p>3. The responses to the questions submitted to the board meeting of Wandsworth CCG on 15 April were not received until 8 June. In future could written replies, like FOI replies, be received within 21 working days?</p> <p>4. Could it be confirmed that the total shortfall in the financial year 2014/15 was £13,874,000? What was the total amount taken out of reserves for the financial year 2014/15?</p>		<p>Department of Health.</p> <p>2. As a commissioning organisation, Wandsworth CCG do not directly employ any health professionals who deliver front line care. There are however a small number of clinical posts employed by the CCG, for example in the quality team, who provide expert advise and support to commissioning functions.</p> <p>3. It was appropriate that written responses should be provided to questions received in a timely way and every effort will be made to ensure that this happens.</p> <p>4. The full level of reserves has been used to balance the final year-end position. The reserves of £13.874m was made up of a number of components:</p> <p>0.5% contingency reserve 1.0% reserve Over-performance reserve (£4m) Number of other smaller items.</p> <p>The planning for 14/15 reflected the ability to manage the position, with over-performance reserves being utilised. The planning also included a number of investments in services. The level of reserves was reported and reviewed monthly through FRC. The over-performance reserve of £4m was used to balance the acute over-performance.</p>
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