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Dear Councillor Bird

BLACK COUNTRY CLUSTER BOARD

As part of the Government's reform of the National Health Service, the Black Country Cluster Board became the formal Board for Dudley, Sandwell, Walsall, and Wolverhampton PCTs from 1st December 2011 until 31st March 2013.

The Board is tasked with ensuring the safe transition of current PCT duties to successor bodies, notably Clinical Commissioning Groups (CCG), the National Commissioning Board and Local Authority in respect of public health services.

Local Authority colleagues already attend CCG meetings and of course lead Health and Wellbeing Boards, which will be responsible for developing future health strategies for local Committees. In addition, Dudley MBC has requested membership of the Cluster Board, which we are happy to offer on a non-voting basis to all four Local Authorities should you feel it appropriate. Meetings are held in public on a monthly basis (last Tuesday of every month).

If you accept the invite your representative would need to be authorised to speak on behalf of the Local Authority on strategic issues.

I look forward to receiving your response in due course.

Yours sincerely



Gill Cooper
Chair