

BRIEFING NOTE

TO: Phil Griffin – Deputy Primary care Lead , Black Country PCT Cluster
DATE: 2 November 2012.

**RE: Proposed Merger of the Wharf Medical Practice wit the Sai Medical Practice:
Outcome of Public Consultation and decision of Black Country Cluster PCT Board**

Purpose

To advise committee of the outcome of the public consultation exercise re the above and decision of Black Country Cluster PCT Board

Summary

Members received a consultation report on the proposed merger of 2 Walsall GP Practices situated in Pleck Ward, Walsall, at a previous meeting and requested an update when this process had been completed .

This briefing note confirms that following completion of the public consultation exercise a report was presented to the Black Country Cluster Board at its meeting on 30 September 2012, when the Board resolved to approve the recommendation of its officers not to proceed with the practice merger proposal.

The Board accepted that although the proposal represented a strategic proposal for improving primary care services in Pleck ward, Walsall, there were a number of factors including car parking and traffic congestion problems in the area that prevented the proposal moving forward.

This decision has now been communicated to all the stakeholders as per the agreed communications and engagement plan and the PCT cluster is now planning to stabilise the medical arrangements at the Sai Medical Practice.

Recommendations

That the report be received for information

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