

## **Report of First Joint N Staffs PCT Meeting. 16.12.10 L. Ashburner**

The meeting was discussing a list of recommendations. For most there were no definitive answers - issues were 'ongoing'.

Disadvantage for me as I had not seen this document!

Key points to emerge:

- The shadow board to be appointed and adverts are to go into the press, for a Chair and two non-executives.

In the mean time there will be a Transitional Board. The work they do will be moved incrementally to the Shadow Board. From April these meetings will be in public, in order that time is given to become established.

- The new chair of the University Hospital Trust is John McDonald.

- No decision yet as to where the new HQ should be. One argument was for offices in both the north and the south of the county.

- Engagement with staff re their continued employment is continuing. Concerns expressed re loss of key staff. It was described as a challenge to involve the 6,000 staff in the process of change.

- There was a need to identify the principles that underpin the relationship between the two PCTs. eg in getting service level agreements. There had been a delay getting these signed off. Expect it happen in February. Issue on the ability of the Transitional Board to do this. It was assumed they'd have the authority.

- The Joint board wished to ensure that excellent services continued, even where all areas did not achieve that level of service. They were dealing with two GP committees and in many cases were dealing with two different levels of service provision.

- Discussion on governance arrangements and it was agreed that one non-exec would be from Stoke Council. Other non-execs would be recruited for the skills they could offer re the specific requirement of the Transitional Board. It was stressed that these would not be representational roles.

- Final recommendation was with regard to the name of the new organisation. At present very long and unwieldy. This will be considered. It was reiterated that there would still need to be two operating divisions for north and south. Also that there would have to be maximum sensitivity to local feelings. Some services would be managed across the whole county, with the criteria being that resources were managed effectively.

The final comment was that it was planned to hold all PCT meetings in public.