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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST

Freedom of Information Act 2000 Birmingham Community Healthcare NHS Trust (BCHC)

In light of the transfer of the Birmingham Primary Care Trusts community health services by the 31st March 2012 and the short time frame before the 1st December 2010 and what would appear to be the poor consultation and engagement level with the Birmingham Local Involvement Network (LINK) concerning this major reorganisation and potential redeployment of about 70% of the community health service staff currently involved within the Birmingham PCTs, I am requesting the following information under the Freedom of Information Act procedures.

- Which services will be transferred from the Heart of Birmingham Teaching Primary Care Trust (HoBtPCT) and what will be the total number of staff transferred from HoBtPCT to the Birmingham Community Health Care (BCHC) on the 1st December 2010?
- Which services will be transferred to BCHC from the remaining Birmingham PCTs and what will be the staff numbers transferred to BCHC on the 1st December 2010?
- What will be the indicative budget transferred to the BCHC from HoBtPCT to BCHC on the 1st December 2010 and will this budget be ring fenced for the provision of services to residents of the HoBtPCT area only or will any surplus be potentially available to cross subsidise service delivery to residents of other Birmingham PCT areas?
- What will be the level of redundancies in transferred staff to BCHC between 1st December 2010 and the 31st March 2011 as BCHC identifies duplication in roles from staff transferred from each PCT and will all transferred staff be covered by the Transfer of Undertakings Protection of Employment regulation (TUPE)?
- Numerically how many corporate staff is it envisaged will transfer from HoBtPCT to BCHC?
- What proposed engagement and consultation with the Birmingham LINK is being considered in relation to these transfers of community health services and what is the name and contact details of the officer responsible for engagement with the LINK?
- What will be the number of staff employed at a total remuneration level of £50,000 and above and what percentage of the total staff employed by BCHC will this constitute?
- What will be the total remuneration level of the Chief Executive Officer of BCHC?
- Can you provide a detailed description of your strategy, plan, procedures etc. for community engagement, participation and involvement in your service delivery, governance, quality monitoring, and patient experience?
- Could you provide a copy of your complaints procedure and your governance documentation?

- What will be your indicative total budget for operations for the periods 1st December 2010 to 31st March 2011 and for 1st April 2011 to 31st March 2012, or in relation to your financial years if different to above year ends?
- Does BCHC have any intentions of providing hospice services, equipment loan services in the future and does it have a strategy or other document available indicating any other service delivery areas it may wish to take on in the future?
- Does BCHC have any intention at present to alter in the near future its structure, legal persona or to take over or combine with any other organisation, corporate body or health and or social care provider?
- Can you inform me of any contracts that exist between BCHC at present or are under negotiation or may come in to being in the near future between BCHC and Gateway Family Services Community Interest Company?
- Do you have any proposal or intention to include on your governing body a place for a member of the Birmingham LINK as a representative of the 1 million residents of Birmingham in relation to Health and Social Care issues?
- Do you at present have contact with or communications with any members of the Birmingham LINK and in what capacity are they involved in your organisation?
- Have you allocated a member of staff to monitor or provide organisational feedback to managers at BCHC in relation to the proposed development of HealthWatch as the replacement to Birmingham LINK?
- In relation to services that will be transferred from HoBtPCT and other Birmingham PCTs do you have any present plan or future intention to redesign, alter, expand or end any of these services that will require statutory consultation process, if so which ones and what will the time frame be?
- Have you informed the Birmingham Health and Adults Overview and Scrutiny Committee of any planning, development or proposed changes to services?

Yours sincerely

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