

14 December 2005

Dear Colleague

## Local consultation on new Primary Care Trust Arrangements in the Cumbria and Lancashire area - *Ensuring a Patient-led NHS*

Please find enclosed a consultation document that has been prepared on the options for establishing new Primary Care Trusts in Cumbria and Lancashire. The Secretary of State has agreed that our proposal can go ahead on the basis of:

### Option 1 - Establish Four Primary Care Trusts

- Retain one Primary Care Trust - coterminous with the Unitary Authority of Blackburn with Darwen
- Retain one Primary Care Trust - coterminous with the Blackpool Unitary Authority
- Establish one Primary Care Trust - coterminous with the boundaries of Cumbria County Council
- Establish one Primary Care Trust - coterminous with the boundaries of Lancashire County Council

### Option 2 - Establish Five Primary Care Trusts

- Retain one Primary Care Trust - coterminous with the Unitary Authority of Blackburn with Darwen
- Retain one Primary Care Trust - coterminous with the Unitary Authority of Blackpool
- Retain one Primary Care Trust - matching the current footprint of the Morecambe Bay Primary Care Trust - coterminous with the boundaries of Barrow Borough, South Lakeland District and Lancaster City Councils
- Establish one Primary Care Trust - matching the combined footprints of Carlisle & District, Eden Valley and West Cumbria Primary Care Trusts
- Establish one Primary Care Trust - coterminous with the boundaries of Lancashire County Council, with the exception of Lancaster City Council boundaries

### Option 3 - Establish Six Primary Care Trusts

- Retain one Primary Care Trust - coterminous with the Unitary Authority of Blackburn with Darwen
- Retain one Primary Care Trust - coterminous with the Unitary Authority of Blackpool
- Establish one Primary Care Trust - coterminous with the boundaries of Cumbria County Council
- Establish three Primary Care Trusts - coterminous with the local authority boundaries of:
  - Lancaster, Fylde, Wyre
  - Burnley, Rossendale, Pendle, Hyndburn, Ribble Valley
  - West Lancashire, South Ribble, Chorley, Preston

We have not signalled a preferred option within the consultation document as we are keen to understand the views and comments of all key stakeholders on the range of options presented.

It is important that the eventual configuration for Primary Care Trusts in Cumbria and Lancashire delivers strong organisations that can develop as commissioners able to promote the concept of a patient-led NHS. That means delivering real public health development and commissioning services with an emphasis on safety and quality that are responsive to patients. The options in this consultation document all provide for development of these approaches and your views in helping us to determine the best configuration are critical.

If you would find it helpful for a representative to meet with your organisation to discuss the proposals please contact the Corporate Affairs office on 01772 647184.

The local consultation on these options will run from 14 December 2005 to 22 March 2006. You can send us your views by :

- Completing the pre-printed form in the centre of this document
- Sending written comments to the address shown below. Your reply should address the questions contained in the pre-printed reply form
- Access the web-site at [www.clha.nhs.uk](http://www.clha.nhs.uk) and complete the pro-forma provided
- E-mail [consultation@clha.nhs.uk](mailto:consultation@clha.nhs.uk)
- By telephoning the Corporate Affairs office on 01772 647184 for clarification

Written responses can be sent to :

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We will then analyse the responses and debate the option that should be recommended to Secretary of State at a Board meeting to be held on **10 April 2006**.

Yours faithfully



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Chair



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