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To : Directors of Public Health in the West Midlands

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Dear Colleague

Local Public Health Transformation Assurance Visits

We are expecting the PH policy paper to be published next week, which will include the response to the consultation on *Healthy Lives, Healthy People*, PH White Paper. I am aware that many of you are already beginning to model the future arrangements in developing the Public Health role of Local Government, the relationship with the emerging Clinical Commissioning Groups and the development of the Health & Wellbeing Boards.

You have been leading the local PH transformation, and building on your recently submitted PCT/Cluster plans, we agreed a series of follow up transformation assurance visits in the autumn to each local area.

Whilst there will be a component of the visit which will, of necessity, be about the transition of NHS functions and resources and relevant monitoring and governance requirements, I would hope that the majority of the visit will focus on the local vision for transformation for better outcomes, principally led by yourself and the local team.

In the spirit of co-production, I would like Directors of Public Health to be involved in shaping the overall format of the visit. My team will discuss this with Adrian Phillips, Rod Thomson and Jacky Chambers as the current members of the West Midlands PH Transition Steering Group but if any other colleagues are keen to be involved, you are very welcome to be part of this process.

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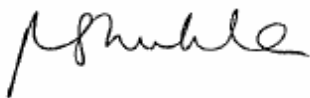
Clearly it will be for local determination as to which of the key local leaders are involved in the visit. At the West Midlands Public Health Transition Steering Group, we agreed that as well as the DPH, the PCT Cluster Chief Executive, and the LA Chief Executive, it would be helpful for the Clinical Commissioning Group Leads to be involved as well as the Leader or Member Chair of the shadow Health & Wellbeing Board and other key relevant Local Government Directors, for example Children/Adult/Place.

I would like to visit each area in September and my office will be in touch shortly for potential dates and locations for the visits.

If you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Best wishes

Yours sincerely



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