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LOCAL PUBLIC HEALTH TRANSITION IMPLEMENTATION PROCESS AND TIMELINE

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Purpose:

The Department of Health has outlined a draft template for the process of transferring local public health services from the NHS to Local Authorities. The brief note below sets these timelines and staging points for this transition.

Key dates and Activities:

- By September 2011: baseline assessment of current public health spend
- By October 2011: Each PCT cluster to complete PH functions map showing current capacity (staff & expenditure) deployed on PH functions including corporate support
- By December 2011: Policy documents published by Dept of Health
- By January 2012: PCT Cluster and LA to use a 'transition preparation toolkit' to guide preparation for the shadow phase (2012/13)
- By end of March 2012: PCT Cluster to complete transition plan in agreement with LA
- By April 2012: DH assessment of transition plans and feedback
- During Shadow year 2012/13: System preparation; Agreement of support functions for public health; formal HR and finance transfer in process to LA; development and testing of Emergency Planning arrangements; Agreed PH delivery Plan and relationship with shadow Public Health England Developed
- During October 2012 formal assessment of progress from PCT to LA
- March 2013: PCT cluster to provide a formal governance handover document
- Midnight 31st March 2013: LA takes on new PH role

The above timelines and activities have yet to be confirmed and are based on the briefing documents and ministerial statements that are available to date. As such they may be subject to change. The West Midlands SHA is preparing local briefing documents and seminars to assist PCTs and Local Authorities to prepare for these changes as part of a transition support programme. Details of this programme will be circulated to both bodies later this month.