

**South West London Clinical Commissioning Groups
September Governing Body Paper for Part 1
Merger Application**

Introduction

1. In March this year, the Governing Bodies of the six South West London (SWL) CCGs all agreed the following:
 - That the Governing Body was committed to progressing to merger of CCGs at SWL level by April 2020;
 - The headline case for change and recommended guiding principles;
 - That we should now progress discussions with the GP membership on the case for change, intent and process progressing to merger of CCGs at SWL level by April 2020.
2. Over the past months we have been working with Chairs, members, stakeholders and our staff to develop our thinking and planning regarding merger. We plan to submit our formal application to merge the CCGs by the end of September 2019 and, subject to membership votes, for the SWL CCG to come into existence on 1 April 2020.

Next Steps

3. Details of the proposal have been circulated to the membership along with governance documentation and local presentations. We will now progress to a new timetable which has been agreed with the London Wide, Surrey and Sussex Local Medical Committees and NHS England. Membership vote on the proposal to merge will now be held in October across SWL. This will allow time for the membership to be fully engaged and informed on the documentation prior to any vote. We have agreed with all of the parties that we will continue to submit the merger application at the end of September but withdraw the application in the event that a CCG should receive a no vote on the new constitution from the CCG membership.
4. In order to meet this timetable and formally agree the merger application, the Governing Body is asked to agree and nominate their representatives for a SWL Committee in Common (CiC) currently to be held on 19 September. The CiC will be asked to approve SWL's final merger application, in principle and subject to the CCGs vote to agree the new constitution.
5. To make this decision, the CiC will be given the following documents:
 - The latest version of the full merger application;
 - The latest version of the full set of governance documents (for example, Constitution and Terms of Reference);
 - Membership pack;
 - Merger application timetable.
6. NHS England/ Improvement's will consider and make a decision on our application at a merger panel which is currently scheduled for 29 October.

Recommendation

7. That the GB agree to a CiC being convened and nominate their representatives.