

29th March 2012

The Patient-led Inspection Steering Group

Dear Steering Group member

I would like to thank you for attending the first meeting of the new Patient Led Inspections Steering Group. It was good to see the meeting so well attended, and I believe this showed the level of your commitment and support for the project.

I hope you will agree the meeting was successful, and that you gained a better understanding of the project aims and objectives, and what is expected of you as a group. I know that Liz Jones and her team received very constructive comments and will now be able to drive the project forward.

As you will be aware I am retiring from the Chief Nursing Officer post; and I am pleased to inform you that Jane Cummings has now been appointed as my successor. Jane is currently Chief Nurse for NHS North of England and was previously Chief Nurse and Deputy Chief Executive for NHS North West. Jane will be taking over as Chair of the Steering Group, and will be attending the next meeting in June.

Again, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your support, and wish the project every success. I look forward to seeing the results next April.

Yours sincerely



Dame Christine Beasley
Chief Nursing Officer