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Cluster announces changes to non-executive directors

The Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland PCT Cluster board has announced the names of the non-executive directors who will be sitting on the integrated board.

From 8 September the cluster will meet as one board, with one integrated agenda, and it will also have one set of non-executive directors who will be authorised to make decisions on behalf of both NHS Leicester City and NHS Leicestershire County and Rutland.

The changes follow Department of Health guidance that all Primary Care Trusts in England should come together to form clusters and share many roles, including both executive and non-executive functions. This is to reduce costs and maintain capacity and capability while the Government's new clinically-driven vision for the NHS is put in place.

The non-executive directors appointed to the cluster board are from the previous boards of either NHS Leicester City or NHS Leicestershire County and Rutland and the appointments have been ratified by the Appointments Commission.

The new cluster board non-executive directors are:

- Gill Bridgen
- Barry Finan
- Paul Hackwood
- Ruth Ingman
- David Mell
- Daxa Patel
- Brian Wilson

Cathy Ellis, chair of the Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland PCT Cluster, said: "The role of the new cluster board will be to support the three clinical commissioning groups (CCG) in Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland, as well as the new Health and Well-Being Board, and enable CCGs to gain early authorisation to take on their commissioning duties."

She added: "I would like to thank our departing non-executive directors Eileen Clarke, Fayyaz Suleman, Ross Willmott, Warwick Kendrick and Pauline Tagg for all their hard work and commitment to the two PCTs."

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Notes to editor:

In October 2010 NHS Leicester City and NHS Leicestershire County and Rutland joined forces to form a 'cluster', in line with the requirements of the Department of Health. Although we share one Cluster Board and our staff work across the city and county boundaries, we have not legally merged, and retain our separate statutory duties. Together we serve a population of around 1.5m. Cluster formation is an interim stage in the reform of the NHS, involving ongoing transfer of most local commissioning functions to GP-led clinical commissioning groups, in line with the Health and Social Care Bill, now before Parliament.

Cathy Ellis – chair	Cathy qualified as a chartered accountant with Price Waterhouse in Leicester where she worked primarily in audit, with a wide variety of clients in manufacturing, utilities and financial services. Between 1993 and 2005 she worked for Bass Brewers (now MolsonCoors Brewers) in finance, strategic planning, procurement and human resources, where she was director of HR operations and latterly took a global role liaising with the US and Canada as director of HR organisational effectiveness. Cathy has an MBA from Lancaster University and joined NHS Leicestershire County and Rutland as a non-executive director in 2006, becoming vice-chair in 2008 and was appointed acting chair in October 2010. In July 2011 she was announced as the chair of the Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland PCT Cluster.
Gill Bridgen – Non-executive director	Gill started her career as an art teacher in Leicester. She has worked in community education, youth work and on a support team for children and young people with emotional and behavioural difficulties. After a short time working in the education department of Leicestershire County Council, Gill became the Community Safer Officer for Leicestershire, working with agencies to reduce crime, particularly violence. She held a national post in a Home Office unit that led on the reduction of suicide, self-harm and violence in prisons, until her retirement in 2007. She also enjoys contributing to city life, playing with Sambando, the performance group of Leicester School of Samba. Gill became a non-executive director of NHS Leicester City in 2006.
Barry Finan – Non-executive director	Barry is a Fellow of the Institute of Chartered Management Accountants. Over the last 20 years he has held a number of senior financial management and directorship roles in divisions of both Rolls-Royce Group plc (Aerospace) and Simon Engineering Plc. He spent most of his early career in British Leyland's commercial vehicle truck and bus division in Lancashire. He took early retirement from Rolls-Royce towards

	<p>the end of 2009 in order to pursue opportunities in the public and charity sectors. Since then he has established himself as an interim finance director and since July 2010 has been working with Semta, the not-for-profit UK Sector Skills Council for Science, Engineering and Manufacturing Technologies. Barry became a non-executive director of NHS Leicester City in August 2010.</p>
<p>Paul Hackwood – Non-executive director</p>	<p>A Residentiary Canon at Leicester Cathedral, Paul is currently chairman of the Church Urban Fund, a national charity working with disadvantaged communities. He was previously Archdeacon of Loughborough and senior staff member in the Diocese of Leicester. He has extensive experience of social and community issues having worked previously as Social Responsibility Adviser to the Bishop of St Albans. He holds an MBA from the Bradford School of Management and a Bsc in Behavioural Science. His main interests are in social theory and policy, particularly the development of partnerships between public sector professionals and community members. He became a non-executive director of NHS Leicestershire County and Rutland in January 2010.</p>
<p>Ruth Ingman – Non-executive director</p>	<p>Ruth is a non-executive director of the Leicestershire Chamber of Commerce and held the office of President from 2008 to 2010. She is also is a non-executive trustee director of Leicester Charity Link and St Philip’s Centre. She is also a director of Utilios Ltd, a company which specialises in tailored solutions in the field of HR and employment law, health and safety and governance for GP practices. Ruth started her career at the Bar in Birmingham, before entering employment with a consultancy firm in 1996 spending her time equally between Leicestershire and a London client base. Her first degree is in Law and she holds a Masters degree in Law and Employment Relations from the University of Leicester. In 2002 she established her own business in Leicestershire. She became a non-executive director of NHS Leicestershire County and Rutland in January 2010.</p>
<p>David Mell – Non-executive director</p>	<p>David spent 35 years with IBM in posts in technical sales and marketing in the Midlands, Manchester, London, Winchester and Paris. His most recent position was Chief Technology Officer for the telecommunications industry business in Europe, the Middle East and Africa. His previous roles included European Systems Engineering Director. After retiring in 2005 he held a number of local and national positions in not-for-profit organisations. He is a Freeman of the City of London and of the Worshipful Company Of Information Technologists. He is also a Director of Belvoir Networking, a Community Interest Company whose aim is to bring the benefits of fast broadband to the Vale of Belvoir. He became a non-executive director of NHS Leicestershire County and Rutland in April 2009.</p>
<p>Daxa Patel</p>	<p>Daxa has lived and worked in Leicester for most of her life apart from a few years when she went to study Mathematics at</p>

	<p>Cardiff University and then to work for four years for British Nuclear Fuels Ltd on the Wirral and in Warrington. In 2000 she moved to the University of Nottingham to work for JISC as a programme director responsible for policy development and managing research and development programmes and services related to the use of innovative technologies for the whole of the UK higher and further education sectors. Since 2005 she has been working as an independent consultant. Over the last 23 years Daxa has worked with several voluntary organisations, working with socially excluded groups, particularly women and ethnic minorities. She joined the Board of Eastern Leicester PCT in February 2005 as a non-executive director.</p>
<p>Brian Wilson</p>	<p>Following posts as director of finance for British Gas East Midlands and the retail division of British Gas, Brian held posts as interim director of finance of companies in several industry sectors. He is treasurer of Clockwise, Leicester's Credit Union; a non-executive director of Riverside English Churches Housing Group and treasurer of The Monday Club, a charity that works with clients who have autistic spectrum disorders. He is an Associate of the Chartered Institute of Management Accountants and an Associate of the Institute of Chartered Secretaries and Administrators. Brian became a non-executive director of NHS Leicester City in 2007.</p>