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Dear Member

**Invitation to Visioning Events for our future organisation**

You might already know that the NHS is going through a re-organisation at the moment. Community health services, such as learning disability services, community nursing and health visiting are moving from being managed by Primary Care Trusts to being managed by other NHS Trusts.

What this means for our Trust is that we have been chosen to manage a range of services from around the Black Country. These services are: Learning Disability Services from Dudley, Walsall and Wolverhampton, Children, Young People and Families' Services from Dudley, and Mental Health and Addiction Services from Wolverhampton. These transfers will happen during the spring and early summer of this year 2011. By that time we will become a larger organisation with a different name and a broader range of services than mental health and learning disabilities. It's a big change that brings many opportunities. Bringing services together will improve services for patients and service users and make things fairer for people in the Black Country by giving everyone access to the same range of services.

In order to start developing a new organisation with a set of values to guide our work, we are planning to hold two large Visioning Events. As a member of our organisation, we are keen that you have the chance to give us your views on the vision, values and goals for what will be our new organisation as soon as possible.

To this end, you are warmly invited to attend the Visioning Events at the Banks' Stadium, Bescot Crescent, Walsall WS1 4SA on:

**Tuesday 1st February, 1.00pm - 4.30pm** (starting at 12 noon with a light lunch)

and

**Wednesday 2nd February, 9am to 12.30pm** (finishing with lunch)

The event will be run by external facilitators, who are experienced in running large events to build a new organisational identity.

If you are able to attend on both days, that would be ideal. However, we understand that this won't be possible for everyone, so if you are only able to make one session then that will be fine. At the start of the second day, there will be a recap for new attendees on the work achieved at the previous session.

Please could you kindly confirm your attendance to the Visioning Events to Judith Brown on free phone 08000 130 103 or email [ppi@smhft.nhs.uk](mailto:ppi@smhft.nhs.uk) stating the session(s) you are able to attend.

Yours sincerely



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