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Letter to DsPH

Dear Colleague

Introducing the UK public health network for commissioning

Many of you will already be aware of the UKCPHN which is an email based public health network.

Currently we have 90 members and new members are being added weekly. We would like to recruit at least one member from each PCT (there are two places per commissioning organisation in the short term). This would enable every PCT to tap into the expertise and experience of a national public health network. It also provides an easy way for individuals to share their own expertise with others.

The benefits of joining include:

- Day to day support for those involved in commissioning healthcare services, particularly those having to manage funding requests for individuals and new treatments.
- The ability for small groups of interested people to work on important issues facing commissioners.
- Being part of a forum which aims to promote and develop healthcare public health.

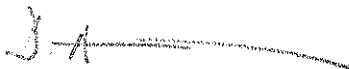
In order to join the network the individual has to be:

- a senior public health practitioner
- working for an NHS commissioning organisation
- actively involved in some aspects of commissioning healthcare services

The network will also provide opportunities for public health individuals to get involved in major national work programmes related to commissioning.

If you or any of your colleagues are interested in joining please contact me directly by email. My address is daphne.austin@wmssa.nhs.uk.

Yours sincerely



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