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TO: Strategic Health Authority Chief Executives
Strategic Health Authority Chairs
Government Office Directors
Regional Public Health Groups
Directors of Public Health

Dear Colleague,

CHANGES TO PUBLIC HEALTH ARRANGEMENTS

I wrote to you on 20 January 2006 advising you of the changes being announced by the Department of Health to implement the policies set out in *commissioning a patient led NHS* outlining important changes to the Public Health arrangements involving Strategic Health Authorities and the Department of Health teams co-located within Government Offices of the Regions. I wrote again on 31 March 2006 advising you of the appointments process.

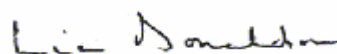
Following the appointments process, I am now delighted to announce the appointments of the Directors of Public Health.

They will have a key role in future public health leadership, responsible for the public health function (population health improvement, health inequalities, health protection, health emergency planning, clinical quality and patient safety) and they will be an asset to the Strategic Health Authority (SHA) and the Government Office Boards.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all those involved in this process and I am sure you will all join me in congratulating and supporting the Directors of Public Health as they continue to take forward the public health agenda.

I attach a list of the Regional/SHA Directors of Public Health

Kind regards,



**SIR LIAM DONALDSON
CHIEF MEDICAL OFFICER**

REGIONAL/SHA DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC HEALTH APPOINTMENTS

The table below lists the successful candidates by Region and includes a local point of contact if you require any further information, including any transitional issues.

SHA/GO LOCATION (in alphabetical order)	APPOINTEE	CONTACT FOR FURTHER INFORMATION
East Midlands	David Walker	Judy Jones Judy.Jones@dh.gsi.gov.uk 0115 971 4750 07789 653348
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