

Adults Wellbeing and Health Overview & Scrutiny Committee

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Urgent and Emergency Care Network

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Purpose

1. To provide the Adults Wellbeing and Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee with background information in advance of a presentation by Joanne Dobson, Transformation Lead, North East Commissioning Support Unit regarding the Urgent and Emergency Care Network.

Background

2. In July 2015 NHS England announced 8 new vanguards to launch the transformation of urgent and emergency care for more than 9 million people. The 8 urgent and emergency care vanguards (UECs) aim to improve the coordination of urgent and emergency care services and reduce pressure on A&E departments.
3. The vanguards follow on from the success of the development of Regional Major Trauma Networks which, after being set up three years ago have seen a 50% increase in the odds of survival for trauma patients revealed in an independent audit by the Trauma Audit Research Network (TARN).
4. Building on the recent success of the Regional Trauma Networks, the urgent and emergency care vanguards have been tasked with changing the way in which all organisations work together to provide care in a more joined up way for patients.

Latest Position

5. The Urgent Care Network (UCN) includes areas around Northumberland, Tyne and Wear, County Durham, Darlington and Teesside – a region with a population of around 2.7 million.
6. The UCN aims to transform the UEC system and its services to further improve consistency and clinical standards, reduce fragmentation and deliver high quality and responsive health and social care to patients.
7. Joanne Dobson, Urgent and Emergency Care Network Director and Transformation Lead, North East Commissioning Support, will provide members with a presentation updating members of the progress made to date by the UCN.

Recommendation

8. Members of the Adults Wellbeing and Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee are requested to receive this report and consider and comment on the presentation and the information contained therein.

Background Papers

Press Release – NHS England on Urgent and Emergency Care Vanguard – July 2015

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Appendix 1: Implications

Finance – None

Staffing - None

Risk - None

Equality and Diversity / Public Sector Equality Duty – None

Accommodation - None

Crime and Disorder – None

Human Rights - None

Consultation – None

Procurement - None

Disability Issues – None

Legal Implications – None