

Durham Darlington Teesside Hambleton Richmondshire and Whitby STP Joint Health Scrutiny Committee

At a meeting of the **Durham Darlington Teesside Hambleton Richmondshire and Whitby STP Joint Health Scrutiny Committee** was held in the Council Chamber, Redcar & Cleveland Community Heart, Redcar on **Tuesday 25 September 2018 at 2.00p.m.**

Present:

Councillor L Tostevin (Darlington Borough Council)
Councillor E Dryden (Middlesbrough Council)
Councillors J Robinson, J Chaplow and R Bell (Durham County Council)
Councillors J Blackie and H Moorhouse (North Yorkshire County Council)
Councillors N Cooney, M Ovens and R Goddard (Redcar and Cleveland Borough Council)
Councillors S Bailey and L Hall (Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council)
Councillor Brenda Loynes (Hartlepool Council)

Officers

Peter Mennear (Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council)
Alison Pearson (Redcar and Cleveland Council)
Lucy Donaghue (Redcar and Cleveland Council)
Stephen Gwilym (Durham County Council)
Caroline Breheny (Middlesbrough Borough Council)
Laura Stones (Hartlepool Council)

Trust and CCG Representatives

Mary Bewley, Head of Communications and Engagement, North of England
Commissioning Support

Apologies

Councillors W Newall and J Taylor (Darlington Borough Council)
Councillors J Chaplow and J Clark (Durham County Council)
Councillors B Brady and A Hellaoul (Middlesbrough Council)
Councillor L Grainge (Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council)

9. Substitute Members

None.

10. To receive any Declarations of Interest by Members

None recorded.

11. Minutes

Agreed that the minutes of the meeting held on 13 June 2018 be confirmed and signed by the Chair as a correct record.

The Principal Overview and Scrutiny Officer from Durham County Council provided an update on the 3 acute hospital site model.

Members requested that a copy of the letter sent to the Chief Executives of County Durham and Darlington Foundation Trust (FT); North Tees and Hartlepool NHS FT and South Tees Hospitals FT, and any responses received be circulated to the DDTHRW STP Joint Health Scrutiny Committee: - **NOTED**.

12. Empowering Communities – Communications and Engagement for Integrated Health and Care

The Durham, Darlington, Teesside, Hambleton, Richmondshire and Whitby STP Communications Lead presented a report and gave a presentation on the communications and engagement work stream for NHS organisations in North Cumbria and the North East Region.

Since its creation in 1948, the NHS had evolved and adapted to meet changing needs and expectations. Patients now had access to a wider range of treatment, using new technology, techniques and medicines, and provided by a changing workforce who have new skills and expertise. Positive outcomes have increased, with more people living longer and healthier lives, often as a result of tailored support for long-term conditions and more successful treatment for serious illness or injury.

Spending less time in hospital is better for patients' recovery and most people prefer to be cared for at home if possible. New technologies and ways of working allow this to happen more easily, which also means a greater need for social care and community health services to be coordinated, and new approaches to prevention and wellbeing, patient centred care and integration of health services across settings.

A number of national and local priorities are influencing how, when and where health care is provided, particularly in relation to services becoming more integrated and coordinated. It is inevitable that some care will need to be provided in a different way, to ensure the best clinical standards are met, that services are fit for future purpose, safe and sustainable.

Senior leaders and doctors from NHS organisations across Cumbria and the North East are working together regionally and locally to:

- Plan and develop services to meet the needs of local populations from North Yorkshire to the Scottish Borders now and in the future, taking into account how services are currently provided and where they need to change or develop. In particular, where new models of care might need to

be introduced to integrate what is provided and ensure patients are seen in the right place, by the right person to meet their needs.

- Use information held by each organisation to ensure planning and development of services is based on patient and population need and available skills and resources.
- Consider how the current and predicted NHS workforce affects the provision of services.
- Look at services such as tests, scans, x-rays and other diagnostics, and how they could be provided in a more accessible and efficient way.

Integrated care systems (ICSs) are evolving and will lead and plan care for their specific population and provide coordinated leadership across NHS organisations. This involves where appropriate taking a 'do once' approach to joint priorities and pieces of work that are common to all organisations in the area.

Integrated care partnerships (ICPs) are alliances of providers and commissioners who are collaborating to deliver care. In North Cumbria and the North East, the proposal is for four ICPs to be in place, to run alongside a Cumbria and North East ICS, which will take responsibility for overall coordination in the whole geographical area, by April 2019. Health providers include hospitals, community services, mental health services, GPs, and independent and third sector providers. The ICPs will focus initially on bringing together enough critical mass to sustain vulnerable acute services within their geography, and the commissioning of non-specialist acute care. CCGs within these ICP geographies will continue to develop place-based arrangements for the planning and provision of primary and community care and health and social care integration, aligned to the overall ICS strategy.

As part of the ensuing discussions, the following comments were made:

- The time it had taken to get this point was not acceptable. There had been a number of mistakes made in the past and the performance to date had been disappointing. Members were advised that there was the opportunity to share good practice across regions.
- Concern was raised that the work had taken 3 years and there appeared to be no discernible progress.
- A Member commented that the consultations had produced a number of concerns from communities around access, travel, the distance patients would have to travel and patient transport. These areas of concern had still not been explored.
- Not enough detail had been provided. These were major changes and needed to be formally consulted upon.
- Concern was raised that in some previous consultations, the public were only choosing from the limited options put forward. Care should be taken in the way options were developed.
- The presentation had been updated each time it had been presented to include feedback that had been provided.

- A website was being developed that would provide all the necessary information in a single space
- A Member asked why a project plan wasn't in place? It would be helpful to know what action had been taken in respect of each milestone.
- Some examples of other ICPs and ICSs across the country could have been shared.
- It was important that the 3 acute hospital site model was retained.
- The clinicians could be invited to attend the DDTHRW STP Joint Health Scrutiny Committee.
- Every meeting this was discussed was not only costing the NHS money but it was also a cost to Local Government.
- The NHS had been a wonderful service to the public over the years and people wanted this service to remain.

At the conclusion of the discussions the following action was agreed:

1. The report be noted; and
2. The Chief Executives of each of the three NHS Foundation Trusts be invited to a meeting of this committee to discuss in more detail the service changes in the North East ICP area.

13. Durham Darlington and Teesside, Hambleton, Richmondshire and Whitby STP – Workstream Update

The Durham, Darlington, Teesside, Hambleton, Richmondshire and Whitby STP Communications Lead provided an update on the work that had been undertaken within the area.

The Principal Overview and Scrutiny Officer from Durham County Council advised that an update on "Our Journey So Far" had been circulated to the committee via email. It was a lengthy document that included a lot of individual links so it was best to view it electronically. If Members had any questions or feedback they could contact the Principal Overview and Scrutiny Officer.

The Durham, Darlington, Teesside, Hambleton, Richmondshire and Whitby STP Communications Lead advised that a bulletin had been circulated and another would be released within two months: - **NOTED.**

14. Chairman's Urgent Items

None.

15. Any other business

None.

16. Date and Time of next meeting

The next meeting date was to be confirmed but would be before December 2018. A Member suggested that the next meeting be held at Darlington Civic Centre as it was a central location for all attendees: - **NOTED.**

The meeting ended at 3.45 pm.