

**NOTES OF THE
WORKING TOGETHER STEERING GROUP
Wednesday 30th May 2018
Excellence Suite, Energus, Workington**

In Attendance:

- Richard Pratt (**Chair**) (RP)
- Alan Alexander (AA)
- Julie Clayton (JC)
- Ellen Cullen (EC)
- Christina Cuncarr (CC)
- Jan den Bak (JdB)
- Mahesh Dhebar (MD)
- Susan Graham (SG)
- Yvonne Fairbairn (YF)
- Rebecca Hanson (RH)
- Rod Harpin (RoH)
- Christine Harrison (CH)
- Ian Hinde (IH)
- Eleanor Hodgson (EH)
- Nicola Jackson (NJ)
- David Rogers (DR)
- Stephen Singleton (StS)
- Sue Stevenson (SS)
- Elizabeth Van Oudgaarden (EVO)
- Jon Ward (JW)
- Chris Whiteside (CW)

Agenda Item 01: Welcome and Apologies

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting, followed by a round of introductions.

Apologies were received from Ali Atkinson-Budd, Liz Clegg, Amanda Dunkley, Stephen Eames, Rhia Heron, Rachel Holliday, John Howarth, Janet Riley

Agenda Item 02: Reminder of Purpose

RP reminded everyone of the purpose of the meeting and how it does business.

Agenda Item 03: Notes of Meeting held on 18th April 2018

The notes were agreed as an accurate record of the meeting.

Question from West Cumbria Forum (WCF)

SS raised a question that had been asked at (WCF) in relation to other pieces of work associated with the consultation e.g. Hyper Acute Stroke and if /how they link to this group.

There was a discussion as to whether the role of the group is to oversee all elements of the consultation or to remain focussed on maternity and paediatrics. Concern was expressed that the work around maternity and paediatrics might lose focus if the group looked at the other areas. It was also recognised that the work of some of the sub groups impacted on other areas. It was agreed that the main focus of the group remained on maternity and paediatrics and that WCF had a role to look at co-production more generally.

JC gave a brief update as to where co-production is in relation to stroke and the upcoming implementation workshop on June 19 at Cleator Moor.

Agenda Item 04: Maternity & Paediatric Update

AA expressed concern that there didn't seem to be any milestones on the way to achieving Option 1. DR explained the role of the Independent Review Group that is made up of experts, none of whom are local. He stressed that it isn't just about being able to recruit and retain staff; we have to be able to deliver acceptable standards. There should be no surprises going forward as everyone is continually updated. The 12 months' time scale is not a cliff edge, if the group feels that progress is being made then the recommendation will be that things continue. This year paediatric recruitment had been a little bit better than last year.

A paper was tabled giving a snap shot of the current vacancies, it was stressed that these figures change regularly and that the figures should be viewed with that in mind. This will be updated and shared in the Recruitment and Retention Group section of the website regularly. www.northcumbriaccg.nhs.uk/ournhs

Agenda Item 05: Co-production Training Update

SS gave an update on the work that Healthwatch and CLIC are involved with to develop the 'The Cumbrian Way for Co-production'. To date there has been 3 focus groups exploring what statements would be true if co-production worked. The next part of the process is to populate the statements with tools to improve skills and approach. The toolkit will then be offered to anyone in the system to develop people's skills in co-production and improve conditions for meaningful conversations.

Agenda Item 06: MVP Update

It was noted the Trust is working closely with MVP but there was no formal update.

Agenda Item 07: Recruitment & Retention

SG gave an update on the Tea with the Team event, explaining that while it had been a great day it hadn't met its objectives of connecting with new staff. It had however been a good networking event and had enabled the creation of a community led video which is now being used at recruitment fairs. The learning from the day was that the next time the event would be taken to employees and not expect them to come to us. A future event is likely to be at West Cumberland Hospital, but will be reviewed by the recruitment and retention group.

There was a discussion as to how useful these types of events would be to a number of employers and for anyone coming into the area.

Agenda Item 08: Telemedicine Update

It was noted Deb was on holiday so no formal update. There was a discussion about a meeting at UCLan on June 12.

Agenda Item 09: Childrens Group

EH gave an update on the Short Stay Paediatric Units at both hospitals, they are going well and have had positive feedback.

There are plans to develop an obesity pathway in a co-produced way.

NJ gave a presentation on the Asthma Pathway which brought together a whole system approach and described the journey and progress and the value from taking a co-production approach. The presentation is available on the website.

Agenda Item 10: Care at a Distance

Information is being provided on the back of appointment letters, see attached. This information has been developed through the group. It will be feedback that this is being used but not consistently.

Agenda Item 11: Feedback from Other Groups

A framework showing the stages of development for the continuing work on WCH is being developed.

A local plan for a parkrun to celebrate the NHS 70th has been picked up nationally with more than 300 planned across the country for June 9th. Local Park runs take place every Saturday morning at 9am.

A service, for the NHS 70th, will be held at Carlisle Cathedral on Sunday 1st July from 5.30pm. This will include a procession that represents the NHS in all its forms (not just doctors and nurses).

Unison is holding an event in Carlisle City Centre on Saturday 7th July.

Currently exploring the possibility of holding a service at St Nicolas's Church in Whitehaven on Sunday 8th July.

Dates and times of next meetings:**Wednesday 11th July, 6 to 8pm, venue to be confirmed**

Followed by: Wednesday 19th September 2018
 Wednesday 31st October 2018
 Wednesday 5th December 2018
 Wednesday 23rd January 2019

Venues to be confirmed