

Key messages from meeting of North Cumbria Programme Board on 7 August 2014

In recent weeks efforts have continued on the detailed design of service models and developments that are needed to deliver the north Cumbria strategy. This is including discussions between GPs and clinicians working in hospitals and community settings.

Work is also underway to scope the development of a detailed workforce plan.

As previously advised, the interim five year plan was submitted to NHS England at the end of June. The work currently taking place will inform an updated version which needs to be completed by early Autumn.

Discussions have also been taking place with NHS England about the comprehensive assurance process that needs to be followed as part of the development of proposals for service change. This includes providing assurance about the level of patient and public engagement, clinical engagement and the case for change.

While the interim five year plan for the Cumbria health economy has been shared widely and is available on <http://www.cumbriaccg.nhs.uk/about-us/key-policies/strategy-documents.aspx> , plans are now underway to have another round of discussions with key groups including local councils, MPs and the community and voluntary sector. A summary leaflet will also be distributed to NHS premises for staff and the public and will be made available at community venues across Allerdale, Carlisle, Copeland and Eden.

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