

North Cumbria Programme Board – update March 2014

Health and care organisations across North Cumbria have come together to work on a plan to transform services.

The collective ambition is to provide local people with the best possible health and care services. This will be designed to ensure services are:

- more responsive to patients' needs
- the highest possible quality, including improving safety, outcomes and patient experience
- clinically and financially sustainable.

Services will be focussed on supporting people to stay well and to manage their own health and wellbeing, by developing more support within communities and in people's own homes.

This will mean organisations also working together to address some of the very real challenges that they face around quality, sustainability, finances and recruitment.

To do this the organisations have established the North Cumbria Programme Board which is working as part of the Cumbria Health and Care Alliance.

The Board comprises lead clinicians and senior managers from:

- Cumbria County Council
- Cumbria Partnership NHS Foundation Trust
- Healthwatch Cumbria
- NHS Cumbria Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG)
- NHS England Cumbria, Northumberland, Tyne & Wear Area Team
- North Cumbria University Hospitals NHS Trust

The Board is chaired by Nigel Maguire, Chief Officer of the CCG.

The Board has held two meetings and has established terms of reference and a framework for how its work will be taken forward. The following work-streams have been established:

Planning group – this group coordinates the activity of the programme on behalf of the programme board, to ensure the objectives of the programme are delivered

Primary care communities workstream – this will lead the development of service models, patient pathways and service improvement activity for out of hospital services, based around primary care communities

Hospital services consolidation workstream – this will lead the development of service models, patient pathways and service improvement activities to ensure sustainable hospital services

Communications and engagement workstream – this will lead the engagement activity with stakeholders.

The work is in its very early stages and will include significant engagement activity with patients, the public and with partner organisations across North Cumbria.

The Board will meet monthly and the intention is to issue updates for staff following each meeting.