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Voluntary organisations and social enterprises are meeting with Cumbrian GPs to discuss health services in the county.

Action for Health, a network of third sector organisations with a health and wellbeing focus and Cumbria Third Sector Network are taking part in three events across the county with NHS Cumbria Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG).

Local representatives will be meeting at St Michaels Church in Workington on Wednesday, January 30 to look at how third sector organisations can effectively work with the new commissioners to help deliver health services in Copeland and Allerdale.



Dr Fayyaz Chaudhri

The sessions will focus on how voluntary and community organisations can work with the CCG on how and what health services are commissioned in Cumbria.

NHS Cumbria CCG represents all GP practices in Cumbria, and from April 1 will be the main commissioner of health services.

A presentation on how the CCG will commission will be given at the three sessions in the South Lakes and Barrow, Carlisle and Eden, and Copeland and Allerdale Localities this month.

Lead GP for Allerdale, Dr Fayyaz Chaudhri said: "NHS Cumbria Clinical Commissioning Group will hold a real budget to invest in health services for the people of Cumbria. Through our localities we are ensuring we are working with healthcare providers and patients to plan services to improve the health of our communities.

"Meeting with Cumbria Action for Health and Cumbria Third Sector Network is a great opportunity to begin that work together ahead of April 1 when the CCG will take over commissioning the majority of services from NHS Cumbria, the Primary Care Trust.

"Our vision is to make a difference to people's lives, improve the day to day experience of patients and those working to deliver better healthcare. These sessions in January with the third sector will be the starting point for us working together to develop the right services for the people of Cumbria and make the best health and wellbeing decisions."

Jozi Brown of Cumbria Council for Voluntary Service said: "The Clinical Commissioning Group is doing the right thing by listening to, and working with the Voluntary and Community Sector. There is a wealth of local knowledge and experience that should be positively harnessed to lead to better, more accountable services and informed decision making. We welcome the opportunity for local organisations to be involved in decision making processes and have their views considered."

Other sessions will be held at:

Ford Park, Ulverston, January 24, 10am-1.30pm

Stoneybeck Inn, Penrith, January 29, 10am-1.30pm

To book a free place on any of these events contact Monique Rebanks on 01768 800350 or email [moniquer@cumbriacvs.org.uk](mailto:moniquer@cumbriacvs.org.uk)

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