

The Future of Local Health Services in Northern Staffordshire

Consultation Mandate

It is recognised Best Practice that a public consultation requires a Consultation Mandate.

This is an agreed statement prepared at the time of instigating a consultation exercise which specifies its objectives:-

North Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent Clinical Commissioning Groups (CCGs) will involve clinicians, statutory bodies, MPs, Local Authority leaders and elected members, service providers, patients, people from diverse communities and carers in the consultation about our proposals to reconfigure the way we provide community based health services in Northern Staffordshire.

Our Pre-Consultation Business Case demonstrates the need for change to be made in order that we can better meet our strategic aim to continue to commission safe, accessible, services to improve the health and wellbeing outcomes and meet the clinical needs of the people of local people.

The purpose of the consultation is to gather views about our proposals for the locations of community based services which will provide health and care from integrated care hubs. The model of care has undergone previous engagement but the consultation will seek to consolidate the services to be provided to meet each community's needs.

The consultation includes the location of the provision of rehabilitation beds based in community hospitals or care homes and the proposal that some specialist services currently provided at Leek Moorlands Community Hospital be relocated.

The number of rehabilitation beds required has been based upon research and modelling methodology and is not included in the scope of the consultation.

The CCGs' Governing Bodies will conscientiously consider the feedback gained during the consultation which will be used to inform their decision making to ensure that we deliver high quality, clinically sustainable, viable solutions for local health services in Northern Staffordshire.

The proposals on the re-configuration of local health services to be provided in the areas of Newcastle, Stoke-on-Trent and the Staffordshire Moorlands, to meet local health needs will undergo formal public consultation from 10th December 2018 for 14 weeks to 17th March 2019.