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Dear Sir or Madam,

Sunderland City Council's Health and Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee has requested that I provide their response to the recent PRIDE consultation. The committee prefers option 4 from those presented in the consultation document. This option provides services in a single location for Sunderland residents and ensures a similar situation in South Tyneside with no division of services for either area.

The committee also wishes to make a number of observations and comments around the Mental Health Reprovision in Sunderland and South Tyneside. These points are as follows:

- With the potential to hold all Sunderland adult and older people's services at Ryhope, are issues around parking and public transport being considered during and beyond this consultation process?
- There was an acknowledgement from the Health and Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee that service users should be continuously involved and informed throughout the PRIDE process.
- Key stakeholders, including the Health and Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee, should be kept informed of progress during the PRIDE project through appropriate reporting mechanisms.

Also attached with the agreement of the Chair of the Health and Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee, Cllr Peter Walker, is the response of County Durham Council's Health Scrutiny Committee. This is included for consideration as part of the consultation process.

Should you have any queries about anything contained in this letter, please do not hesitate to contact me, on 0191 561 1006, email nigel.cummings@sunderland.gov.uk

Yours sincerely,

Nigel Cummings
Scrutiny Officer

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Durham County Council's Adults Well-being and Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee

Interim response to the NHS South of Tyne and Wear – PRIDE consultation

Durham County Council's Adults Well-being and Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee has established a Working Group to conduct a review into the proposals for the future provision of mental health services for residents of the northern part of the former Easington District. It will conclude its review and submit its report by the end of January 2010 and requests that the views and recommendations contained in its full report are considered as part of the responses to the PRIDE consultation.

This interim response has been approved by Durham County Council's Adults Well-being and Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee. The scrutiny committee was represented at a meeting arranged by Sunderland City Council Overview and Scrutiny, (also including South Tyneside Scrutiny representatives), to consider the content of the NHS South of Tyne and Wear proposals contained in the PRIDE consultation. This was held on 26th November. The views arising from consideration of the proposals at this meeting are:

- The opportunity to engage in the joint meeting with other authorities is welcomed, as is the opportunity to respond to the consultation.
- The focus of the consultation is noted, essentially the proposal for investment in new facilities, and this is welcomed. The lack of information on the services that are to be located in the new facilities and the lack of information on the plans for community service provision is a weakness in the consultation.
- There are concerns over the rationale for the consultation process:
 - That the NHS is conducting two separate consultations in relation to services which affect residents of the northern part of the former Easington District (both NHS South of Tyne as well as NHS County Durham) which has created confusion in messages given to, and responses from, service users and carers and Council Members.
 - That the PRIDE consultation has not included the residents of this area in relation to proposals for future provision from the Cherry Knowle/Ryhope site. It is of concern that, as residents in this area have historically been users of, and are a natural catchment for, services provided from these locations they should therefore have been included as part of the consultation.

- There are also concerns as to how patient choice operates in relation to mental health services. It is recognised that legislation appears to treat mental health services differently from other NHS services and patients do not have choice in the way that they do for other NHS services. The NHS is guided by principles that provide for pathways of care that must be clinically safe but should also be 'local, timely and equitable' and be focused on the needs of users and carers. From information gathered at the joint scrutiny meeting we are very concerned that in future pathways of care will not be available for the local residents from this part of County Durham from the new Ryhope hospital.
- These issues are shared with Sunderland City Council for inclusion with their response to NHS South of Tyne, and the scrutiny committee in County Durham will also submit this response separately.

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Dear Consultation Team

Re PRIDE consultation

Having attended the joint scrutiny meeting in Sunderland on 26th November and sought views from Members of my committee, I am writing in response to the above consultation concerning the future of inpatient Mental Health facilities provided by NTW.

We acknowledge the need for change and therefore welcome the plans for new in patient facilities for older people South Tyneside with mental health problems. We think that these facilities should be provided locally to ensure that they are easily accessed by friends, family and other services. That is why we support either option 2 or 4, which suggest that all in patient services for older people in South Tyneside suffering mental ill health are provided at South Tyneside General Hospital site

Thankyou for the opportunity to comment

Yours sincerely

Cllr Jim Perry
Chair of the Overview and Scrutiny Coordinating and call-in Committee

Gateshead & South Tyneside Local Medical Committee

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Dear Sirs

PRIDE CONSULTATION

Thank you for inviting us to give our opinion on this consultation exercise. This was discussed at our last LMC meeting and obviously our area of interest is South Tyneside. We wish services to remain in South Tyneside, as we feel that it would be very difficult for South Tyneside patients, who have a low car ownership, to travel to the Sunderland area. Therefore we wish to support options 2 or 4.

We would be grateful if you could take this into account when you come to your final decision.

Yours sincerely



Dr K Megson
Honorary Secretary

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Dear Sir/Madam

PRIDE – CONSULTATION ON MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES IN SUNDERLAND AND SOUTH TYNESIDE

I am writing on behalf of Sunderland City Council in response to the public consultation on Mental Health and Learning Disability environments in Sunderland and South Tyneside.

The general direction of travel, i.e. moving to more community based services with less longer term and no permanent hospital living is to be welcomed. However this needs to be supported with clear and detailed investment plans in community services, including the transfer of resources to the appropriate Local Authority where necessary. In particular, support for reduced bed numbers is very much dependent on confirmation from the health family that robust community investment will be forthcoming.

The Council has a Strong preference for a single all age service and no separation of older people and working age services. This would fit with the requirements of the Equality Bill which apply to health and social care services from 2012. Increasingly, it is seen as inappropriate to manage mental health conditions in age specific ways, it is not possible to draw boundary lines at a particular age and inappropriate for customers/patients to leave one service and join another simply because they have reached a particular birthday.

Given the support for the principle of a single service, then there would also be a preference for all services to be managed and administered on a single site. In relation to the options put forward in the consultation document only the Ryhope site delivers this position. Transport issues are always an issue in these matters and it needs to be acknowledged that the Ryhope site is not the most accessible for people across the City.

Finally, it would perhaps be beneficial for NHS South of Tyne and Wear and Northumberland Tyne and Wear Mental Health Trust to commit to engaging with the City

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Council at a senior level as plans progress in the future. In particular it is essential that Executive Members are engaged in the process.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Neil Revely". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'N' and a long, sweeping tail on the 'y'.

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