

**SUNDERLAND HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD**

29 May 2015

**SUNDERLAND CARE ACADEMY**

**Report of the Chair of Sunderland CARE Academy**

**1.0 Purpose of the Report**

The purpose of this paper is to provide the Health and Wellbeing Board with the opportunity to discuss the developments to date of the Sunderland CARE Academy.

**2.0 Background**

The Sunderland CARE Academy is a collaboration of partners from health, social care, education and the voluntary sector working together to improve the quality of care delivery across the city. Partners include NHS, University of Sunderland, Sunderland Council, Foundation of Light and the Carers' Centre.

**3.0 Body of report**

The Sunderland CARE Academy's mission is to:

***'Improve the overall focus on and quality of care in Sunderland and to bring health and wellbeing benefits and socio-economic benefits to the local population and the city.'***

This aligns intentionally with the role and aims of the following:

- Sunderland Partnership;
- The Health and Wellbeing Board;
- The Education and Skills Leadership Board;
- The Economic Leadership Board; and
- The Sunderland Multiagency Carers Strategy.

The CARE Academy will:

- Develop education and training programmes for the health and care workforce across the city with the aim of supporting high quality care to patients, carers and families;
- Promote research and innovation into health and social care, increasing the quantity and quality of research undertaken in Sunderland;
- Promote participation in local, national and international research; and
- Implement the findings of research into practice.

The CARE Academy title consists of an acronym to describe the four workstreams which partners are working together on which support local strategies, and the

implementation of national policy to improve the quality of care delivery across the city.

C Collaboration  
A Achieving High Quality Care  
R Research and Innovation  
E Engagement

The paper describes the SWOT analysis, governance arrangements and progress to date on the workstreams.

#### **4.0 Recommendations**

The Board is recommended

- To note the development of the CARE Academy and progress to date
- To discuss the potential benefits to the city of Sunderland
- To agree next steps

**Joy Akehurst**  
**Chair**  
**Sunderland CARE Academy**

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