

SUNDERLAND HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD

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FEEDBACK FROM THE NHS PROVIDER FORUM

Report of the Chair of the NHS Provider Forum

There had been no full meeting of the provider forum since the last Health and Wellbeing Board as focus was on delivering the first of the broader provider engagement sessions which was held on Monday 20th April at the Stadium of Light.

Over 40 organisations from a range of public, private and voluntary sector providers attended the event.

The agenda covered:

- An introduction to the forum
- Workforce Issues – how can we better address provider workforce issues
- Health and Social Care Integration – the opportunities and challenges
- The Future Role of the Forum - what key issues would you like the Forum to focus on in 2015?

The session was well received and all participants agreed there was a need for more broad engagement sessions in the future.

There was a feeling that the impacts of big policy changes including the Better Care Fund and the Care Act were not very well understood throughout the provider community especially with smaller providers and it was suggested that a number of focussed sessions be held to brief smaller providers on the implications for their organisations.

