



NHS South of Tyne and Wear
Northumberland, Tyne and Wear NHS Trust

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Dear Colleague,

PRIDE: Providing improved mental health and learning disability environments in Sunderland and South Tyneside

Building on a number of briefings, workshops and engagement meetings in recent months, NHS South of Tyne & Wear and Northumberland, Tyne and Wear (NTW) NHS Trust are working closely together to formally consult patients and their carers, staff, partner organisations and the general public about locations being considered for new in-patient facilities for people with mental illness.

The enclosed consultation booklet provides information about the options being considered and gives details about public meetings being held in Sunderland and South Tyneside. A series of briefings for employees of NTW NHS Trust are also planned.

As a key partner of ours, we would very much like you to make comments about the proposals. In addition to the planned public meetings, members of the Project Team are available to provide briefings to your organisation or to attend appropriate meetings. The deadline for responses is 31 December 2009.

If you would like further details please do not hesitate to use the details contained in the booklet or contact the Project Director, Tony Railton by email at tony.railton@ntw.nhs.uk, or by telephone on 0780 1107 898

Thank you for your interest in this important consultation and we look forward to receiving your comments.

Yours sincerely

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