

**SUNDERLAND SHADOW  
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**ACCELERATING THE BIGGER PICTURE - DISCUSSION DOCUMENT**

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**Introduction**

The purpose of this paper is to share with members of the Health and Wellbeing Board a discussion document on the 'Accelerating the Bigger Picture' (ABP) programme of work.

**Background & Purpose**

ABP was setup with the aim of ensuring that we create a system where residents across South of Tyne and Wear (Gateshead, South Tyneside & Sunderland) and beyond will have access to the best healthcare available.

Bigger Picture is fundamentally a collaborative process, with the three Foundation Trusts (Gateshead Health NHS FT, South Tyneside NHS FT and City Hospitals Sunderland NHS FT) and NHS South of Tyne and Wear being equal partners, working towards a shared vision of how services may look in the future.

By utilising the strengths of each organisation the aim is to balance healthcare provision across South of Tyne and Wear, thereby using all of our resources most effectively to create sustainable quality services for the future. Through this approach, the aim is to ensure that hospital services continue successfully in each of the three localities.

**Discussion Document**

You will see from reading this document that work has started in some areas, but not all. The work so far has started to shape how things may look in the future and what this means for each hospital in practice.

The document highlights a high level, strategic vision for the future and what this means for each of the Foundation Trusts and aims to help to paint the picture so far, so staff working in each organisation and key stakeholders can continue to contribute to the process.

**Engagement Events**

A series of engagement events are being held across South of Tyne and Wear, in each of the local hospitals, with Clinical Commissioning Groups and local Health and Wellbeing Boards.

The purpose of the events is to information share with staff and stakeholders and to understand where further partnership working may be required and how the ABP strategy can link in with the strategy of partner agencies.

## **Conclusion**

The discussion document is there to inform and help facilitate discussion with key stakeholders, and members of the HWB are invited to contribute to this process.