

FEEDBACK FROM THE PROVIDER FORUM

Report of the Chair of the Provider Forum

The Provider Forum met on the 25th August 2015.

Items on the agenda were:

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The Acting Director of Public Health gave a presentation to the Board about the 'Role of Health Prevention'. This highlighted the deteriorating rate of healthy life expectancy and the increasing rate of dependency of older people in Sunderland through to 2031.

Disease and co-morbidities are causing the most disability and pressure on services with global and national issues such as smoking and alcohol being the main risk factors in Sunderland also. These have implications for the health of the local workforce too with resulting negative impacts on productivity and recruitment.

The Provider Forum is considering the how to best approach the prevention agenda by identifying appropriate interventions and the necessary structures to support these. **The Forum will bring the resulting recommendations to the next meeting of the Health and Wellbeing Board.**

