

**TRANSFORMING COMMUNITY SERVICES**

**REPORT OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE**

**1. Purpose of Report**

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to inform the Scrutiny Committee about how the transition on Transforming Community Services will take place and allow members to discuss this change in management arrangements.

**2. Background**

- 2.1 The Government launched the Transforming Community Services (TCS) programme in January 2009. TCS confirms that all PCTs should increase the separation between commissioning and providing parts of the organisation.
- 2.2 Transforming Community Services is a new model of care and partnership working across South of Tyne & Wear.
- 2.3 The South of Tyne and Wear PCT has endorsed the recommendation of the Stakeholder panel to move forward to Stage 3 of the Transforming Community Services process, with South Tyneside Foundation Trust as the chosen management partner.
- 2.4 The Committee will receive a presentation from Lorraine Lambert, Chief Executive, South Tyneside NHS Foundation Trust to explain the background to Transforming Community Services and the way forward followed by a discussion.

**3. Transforming Community Services**

- 3.1 Transforming Community Services was an initiative which commenced under the previous government which tasked all PCT's to split their service provision of community health services from a commissioning function. It was agreed that South Tyneside NHS Foundation Trust would be the best placed organisation to provide these the community services currently provided by the PCT.
- 3.2 These services include:
- district nursing
  - health visiting
  - specialist nursing care supporting patients with diabetes
  - respiratory disease and heart disease
  - school nursing

- community matrons
- palliative care
- community dentistry
- substance misuse and sexual health
- speech and language therapy
- audiology
- podiatry

#### **4. Conclusion**

- 4.1 The Committee is asked to receive information about the model of care and comment on the development of these services in the future.

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