

SUNDERLAND HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD

20 March 2015

FEEDBACK FROM THE SUNDERLAND NHS PROVIDER FORUM

Report of the Chair of the Sunderland NHS Provider Forum

The Sunderland NHS Provider Forum met on 3rd March at Sunderland Care and Support, Leechmere. 7 members were present representing 5 of the 7 members. It was agreed that representatives from the 2 GP alliances should be invited to attend the forum.

Issues discussed were:

Manpower

Paul McEldon, from NE BIC attended as chair of the sector growth group of the Economic Leadership Group to discuss how we could progress joint working on health and social care as a growth sector in the economy, linking closely to manpower debates.

Should pressure be put on Sunderland's training providers to match their training to employers needs in the City as opposed to 'easy to fill' courses. There are some good examples – eg Sunderland Care and Support's apprenticeship being offered by Sunderland College.

It was agreed that there was need for more joint working – but questions over where the governance/ownership would lie.

Need to ensure health employers are linked into initiatives such as work discovery week to ensure that the job opportunities are high profile with young people.

At the next meeting the forum partners agreed to bring – workforce plans (Sunderland specific for those with bigger footprints), demand and the impact on minimum and maximum staffing levels, retirement predictions.

Vanguard Bid

Is it time for a provider conversation on the co-creating care models? Acute providers are currently peripheral to the discussions as the focus is on out of hospital care – and we need to remember in hospital care is also important. If the council stops delivering will providers pick it up? There needs to be some clarity on the unintended/cumulative consequences and on the financial viability of the whole system.

Engagement Event

The engagement event has been provisionally scheduled for 20th April at the Stadium of Light – further details and a programme will be circulated.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

The Health and Wellbeing Board is recommended to:

- Note the content of the feedback report from the Provider Forum