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## 1. Introduction

- 1.1 Following the presentation of the baseline travel and transport report at the previous JHOSC held on Monday 30th January, this short note details progress made over the last month.

## 2. Points of interest arising from the January JHOSC

- 2.1 We have reviewed the questions received from the JHOSC on the baseline report and, from our own notes taken on the day, we have compiled a brief list of comments, queries and recommendations made at the meeting to include the following:
- Comments regarding information sources
  - Uncertainty over some public transport timetable information
  - Modelled accessibility not representing everyday circumstances and user experiences
  - Concern over out of hours transport
  - Maintenance and sustainability of Community Transport Vehicles
  - Support for a protected bus service serving Jarrow, Hebburn, South Tyneside District Hospital, a small number of stops in Sunderland and Sunderland Royal Hospital.
  - Consideration of bus services accessing the hospital sites in future
  - Consideration of the impact upon NEAS
  - A desire for any transport changes to be implemented prior to changes to NHS services

- 2.2 Concluding comments from the Chair included the following recommendations:
- Field testing of public transport journeys between the two hospital sites
  - The introduction of a protected bus service to serve both hospitals and the local catchments
  - Consideration of bus vehicles accessing the hospital grounds
  - Transport measures to be put in place before clinical service changes
- 2.3 NECS, together with ITP, has received a detailed response from Mr Ian West following the publication of the baseline report on the Path to Excellence website, and has responded to these comments received concerning transport issues. NECS (and ITP) is currently investigating field testing options with Mr West and the groups that he represents, particularly the South Tyneside Public Transport Users Group, following Mr West's proposal that NECS / ITP shadow willing volunteers on their journeys to / from South Tyneside to Sunderland and vice versa.
- 2.4 The detail in this note addresses some of the questions raised by the JHOSC, however any outstanding questions will be addressed by NECS at the next meeting on Tuesday March 7th.

### 3. Work undertaken and progress made

- 3.1 Following the January JHOSC, in order to progress the travel and transport impact assessment, ITP has produced travel surveys for the following hospital users:
- Visitors to stroke patients admitted to SRH
  - Maternity patients delivering their babies at both STDH and SRH
  - Visitors to new mothers in maternity at both STDH and SRH
  - Gynaecology patients at both STDH and SRH
  - Parental survey for children attending Paediatric ED at both STDH and SRH
  - Staff travel survey at both STDH and SRH
- 3.2 The surveys are being disseminated amongst current patients / visitors on the relevant wards / accessing the relevant healthcare services. The staff travel survey is primarily being promoted online, with paper copies of the survey available to staff who prefer to use this method of completion.
- 3.3 The travel and transport impact assessment reports are currently being prepared for CSRs to Stroke services, Obstetrics / maternity services, Gynaecology services and

Paediatric services and will aim to compare the current travel situation for the local populations with the future travel circumstances, particularly for any affected populations.

- 3.4 Impact assessment will focus on the existing public transport services, accessibility statistics derived from census data and accessibility statistics relating to the home postcodes of previous patients who have accessed the clinical services currently being reviewed in the last year.
- 3.5 Potential impacts upon travel times and travel costs for any affected local populations will be reviewed and potential measures to reduce any impact upon the local population will be presented.
- 3.6 The draft travel and transport impact assessments for the first clinical service reviews are due for completion week commencing 6th March 2017.

## 4. Additional information

- 4.1 ITP has received (from Nexus) a copy of the letter that the Leaders of both South Tyneside and Sunderland City Councils sent to Nexus in October 2016 concerning a desire for the introduction of new secured express bus services from Hebburn and Jarrow bus stations through Harton Lane to Sunderland CH and from Houghton, Hetton and Washington to Harton Lane via Sunderland CH.
- 4.2 The letter has been shared with NECS and the CSR Programme Manager however, no further discussion has yet taken place. Nexus have expressed their wish to work together with South Tyneside and Sunderland Healthcare Group and ITP, which is of course welcomed.
- 4.3 The draft baseline report has been uploaded to the Path to Excellence website. A final version will be added once formal comments arising from the January JHOSC have been fully addressed.