

7th September 2021

BY EMAIL

Dear Colleagues,

Thank you for your very positive responses to my recent letter of 28 July 2021 about taking forward the implementation of the next phase of the Integrated Care System (ICS) for the North East and North Cumbria (NENC).

I am committed to building our work on the important principles of equal partnership, co-production and subsidiarity and, in this spirit, I am looking forward to chairing the meetings of our management executive working group.

As you know, to keep the size of the meeting to a manageable size, representatives are being assembled from the NHS and Local Authorities. We have a very small team, including myself and Alan Foster, that will be supporting the process.

The NHS group will be:

- Sir Jim Mackey – Chief Executive of Northumbria Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust (representing the North ICP area)
- Ken Bremner – Chief Executive of South Tyneside and Sunderland NHS Foundation Trust (Central ICP area)
- Julie Gillon – Chief Executive of North Tees and Hartlepool NHS Foundation Trust (Tees Valley ICP area)
- Lyn Simpson – Chief Executive of North Cumbria Integrated Care NHS Foundation Trust (North Cumbria ICP area)
- John Lawlor – Chief Executive of Cumbria, Northumberland and Tyne and Wear NHS Foundation Trust (Mental Health provider sector)
- Dame Jackie Daniel – Chief Executive of Newcastle upon Tyne Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust (Tertiary provider sector)
- Mark Adams – Accountable Officer for Newcastle Gateshead, North Tyneside, Northumberland and North Cumbria NHS Clinical Commissioning Groups
- Dr Neil O'Brien – Accountable Officer for County Durham, South Tyneside and Sunderland NHS Clinical Commissioning Groups
- Dave Gallagher – Accountable Officer for NHS Tees Valley Clinical Commissioning Group

The local authority representatives will be as follows.

From Cumbria:

- Gill Steward - Chief Executive, Cumbria County Council

From the Tees Valley group of local authorities:

- John Sampson – Managing Director, Redcar & Cleveland Council



- Erik Scollay – Director of Adult Social Services, Middlesbrough Council
- James Stroyan – Director of People, Darlington Council
- Ann Workman – Director of Adults and Health, Stockton-on-Tees Council
- Craig Blundred – Director of Public Health, Hartlepool Council
- Mark Adams – Director of Public Health, Redcar and Cleveland and Middlesbrough Councils

From the LA7 group of local authorities:

- John Hewitt - Chief Executive of Durham County Council
- Daljit Lally - Chief Executive of Northumberland County Council
- Paul Hanson - Chief Executive of North Tyneside Council (or Jacqui Old, Director of Services for Children and Adults, depending on dates and availability)
- Alice Wiseman - Director of Public Health at Gateshead Council
- Al McDowell - Director of Adult Social Care and Integrated Services at Newcastle City Council
- Jon Ritchie - Executive Director of Corporate Services at Sunderland City Council (also representing Local Authority Finance Directors)
- Nicola Robason - Head of Corporate and External Affairs at South Tyneside Council (also representing Local Authority Monitoring Officers)

I appreciate that it will be a challenge to manage all our diaries. We will start with a virtual meeting format to maximise opportunities to attend, but with the possibility of face-to-face meetings later.

We do have to be mindful of the overall timescale for these changes to ensure that we can present our proposals in a timely way to the many groups whose views will be essential to the final approach.

I very much look forward to working with you on this important task.

Kind regards,



Sir Liam Donaldson
Chair Designate
North East and North Cumbria Integrated Care System