

**THE PATH TO EXCELLENCE – UPDATE**

**REPORT OF SOUTH TYNESIDE AND SUNDERLAND NHS PARTNERSHIP**

**1. PURPOSE OF THE REPORT**

- 1.1 The report provides, for information and comment, an update on the Path to Excellence and the work undertaken to date.

**2. BACKGROUND**

- 2.1 The Path to Excellence update is attached at **Appendix 1** of this report and sets out the latest update on the communication timetable and the travel and transport impact assessment and the next steps.
- 2.2 The document and the name of the transformation programme for South Tyneside NHS Foundation Trust, City Hospitals Sunderland NHS Foundation Trust, NHS South Tyneside Clinical Commissioning Group and NHS Sunderland Clinical Commissioning Group is 'The Path to Excellence'.

**3. CURRENT POSITION**

- 3.1 Across South Tyneside and Sunderland there has been a strong and proud history of partnership working between providers, commissioners and clinical networks to deliver the best possible care to populations they serve. The collaboration between the two trusts via the formation of the South Tyneside and Sunderland Healthcare Group builds on this history of partnership working and is supported by the commissioners.
- 3.2 The aim is for both trusts to work with each other as well as with their partner organisations to develop plans to deliver better quality care across their local populations so that key quality standards can be achieved, whilst at the same time, recognising the need to be as efficient as possible as a result of the financial pressures facing the local health economy.
- 3.3 The Path to Excellence update report sets out in greater detail the current position in relation to the draft communication plan and the travel and transport impact assessment following discussions at the recent Joint Health Scrutiny Committee meeting held in South Tyneside on 30 January 2017.

#### **4. RECOMMENDATION**

- 4.1 The Joint Health Scrutiny Coordinating Committee is recommended to consider and comment on the information provided in the update report.

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