

South Tyneside and Sunderland Healthcare Group

SUSTAINABILITY AND TRANSFORMATION PLAN BRIEFING NOTE: NOVEMBER 2016

Introduction

This briefing note sets out a summary of the draft Northumberland, Tyne and Wear and North Durham (NTWND) Sustainability and Transformation Plan (STP) which is now available at <http://www.southtynesideccg.nhs.uk/get-involved/involve-me/stp/>. NHS England has required the development of STPs across England to address key care and quality, health & wellbeing and funding and efficiency gaps. The NTWND area is one of 44 STP areas across England, each of which has been developing a sub-regional STP outlining local plans over the next 4-5 years to address the 3 key gaps of care and quality, health and wellbeing, and funding and efficiency. This briefing note sets out a summary of the draft NTWND STP, and outlines the key aspects relevant to South Tyneside and Sunderland.

Overview of the NTWND STP

The NTWND area covers Northumberland, North Tyneside, Newcastle, Gateshead, South Tyneside, Sunderland and North Durham, with a combined population of 1.7 million residents. North Durham was incorporated into this area during the development of the STPs to reflect the movement of patients and residents between North Durham and Sunderland, and also Newcastle and Gateshead. The draft STP plan for NTWND has been developed by focussing on 3 Local Health Economy geographies within the overall STP area which are i) Newcastle and Gateshead, ii) Northumberland and North Tyneside, and iii) South Tyneside, Sunderland and North Durham. The overarching vision for the NTWND STP is “*A place-based system ensuring that Northumberland, Tyne and Wear and North Durham is the best place for health and social care.*” At an STP level, the plan is focussed on 3 major transformation areas which are:

- Scaling up prevention, health and wellbeing to improve the physical and mental health of our population and reduce inequality
- Out of hospital collaboration to develop alternative service models, reduce variation and raise quality of care in community settings
- Optimal use of the acute sector to improve experience of care, achieve better outcomes and create a sustainable model

In addition to these areas, there are a number of cross cutting themes that underpin the NTWND STP focussed on learning disability services, cancer alliance, mental health, and women and children services. The STP also outlines a summary of the challenges associated with the care and quality, health & wellbeing, and funding and efficiency gaps. Across the NTWND region this includes the higher early death rate due to cancer than across England, the lower healthy life expectancy in our region compared to the England average, increased prevalence of smoking, diabetes and obesity, the unwarranted variation in quality

and care provision across NTWND, and the funding and efficiency challenge across NTWND of £641m over the next 4-5 years. The STP is built on a great deal of work already begun across the area and it puts forward proposals, which if taken forward, would mean that by 2021:

- The health inequalities in the area will have reduced to be more comparable to the rest of the country
- The area will have thriving health and social care services in the community that attract and retain the staff they need to best support their patients
- There will be high quality hospital and specialist care across the whole area, for patients who need these services

South Tyneside, Sunderland and North Durham

South Tyneside, Sunderland and North Durham forms one of the 3 LHE's within the NTWND STP. The draft STP plan includes a section on each of the 3 LHE areas, and outlines the following plans for South Tyneside, Sunderland and North Durham:

Out of Hospital collaboration and scaling up prevention:

Out of Hospital collaboration and transformation across South Tyneside and Sunderland (and in future North Durham) based on the existing Vanguard Out of Hospital transformation programme in Sunderland and the existing South Tyneside Pioneer *A better U* programme. These 2 programmes alongside other existing local programmes will support the first 2 STP-wide transformation areas of scaling up of prevention and out of hospital collaboration.

Our Path to Excellence - optimal use of the Acute sector:

Through the South Tyneside and Sunderland Healthcare Group (STSHG), a clinically led service review programme to look at the best service configuration to make our acute services the highest quality they can be within existing resources will be undertaken as part of our Path to Excellence programme. This programme will develop options to deliver better quality of care across our local populations, enable the delivery of 7 day services so that key quality standards can be achieved reducing variation and make services sustainable by attracting and retaining staff. The draft STP outlines the timetable for these reviews to be undertaken over 16/17 and 17/18. We will also develop collaborative arrangements between the acute services of North Durham and STSHG over the period of the STP. This clinical review programme directly supports our STSHG vision to deliver nationally recognised high quality, cost effective, sustainable healthcare for the people we serve with staff who are proud to recommend our services to friends and families.

Local Engagement and consultation

South Tyneside and Sunderland Local Authorities have agreed to establish a joint overview and scrutiny committee to scrutinise the proposals and options which may be developed through the clinical services review programme. This joint committee has met in shadow form

and will be formally established by the 2 Local Authorities over the next month. The Councils of Governors and Boards of both STFT and CHS have been briefed on the development of the South Tyneside and Sunderland Healthcare Group and the approach to developing the STP, and further briefings will be undertaken over the coming months. Full public consultation will be undertaken for any clinical services reviews which identify options to significantly change the delivery of clinical services. An engagement process on the draft STP will be undertaken between 23rd November 2016 and 20th January 2017 to inform the next version of the STP for our area.

Next steps

The NTWND STP is a draft plan and there will be an engagement and consultation process undertaken to seek views to further inform and develop the STP. In the meantime the existing important transformation programmes underway in South Tyneside and Sunderland will continue to be progressed in accordance with existing timescales.

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