
COUNTY DURHAM AND DARLINGTON NHS FOUNDATION TRUST – CLINICAL
STRATEGY – TASK AND FINISH REVIEW GROUP FINAL REPORT

SUMMARY REPORT

Purpose of the Report

1. To present the outcome and findings of the Task and Finish Review Groups established by Health and Partnerships Scrutiny Committee to scrutinise County Durham and Darlington NHS Foundation Trust (CDDFT) Clinical Strategy and to seek Members' views on a way forward.

Summary

2. The Health and Partnerships Scrutiny Committee agreed at its meeting on 25th October 2011, to scrutinise the operational workstreams of County Durham and Darlington NHS Foundation Trust Clinical Strategy.
3. To progress work Members established five small groups to consider each workstream in detail and have met with a variety of Officers.
4. The workstreams are Emergency and Urgent Care; Long Term Conditions; Older People and End of Life Care, Surgery and Women and Children.
5. Each Group has worked differently but overall Members and Officers from the Trust have found all the meetings successful and equally beneficial.
6. Members will recall that an Interim Report was presented to the Health and Partnerships Scrutiny Committee on 18th December 2012, reporting on the progress each Group had made and this Final Report outlines the final conclusions and recommendations.

Recommendations

7. It is recommended :-
 - (a) To approve the recommendations as details in **Appendices A and B**;
 - (b) To forward the Final Report to the Chief Executive of County Durham and Darlington NHS Foundation Trust and Darlington Clinical Commissioning Group for comments on Members recommendations; and

(c) To receive an update and progress report in 12 months' time.

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Background Papers

County Durham and Darlington NHS Foundation Trust – Clinical Strategy 2012 -2015.
Darlington Clinical Commissioning Group – Clear and Credible Plan 2012/13 – 2016/17
Sport and Physical Activity Strategy and Commissioning Plan – 4th December 2012 –
Shadow Health and Well Being Board.

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S17 Crime and Disorder	This report does not have implications relating to Community Safety Partnerships for the residents of Darlington.
Health and Well Being	This report has implications to address Health and Well Being for the residents of Darlington.
Sustainability	This report has implications relating to sustainability for the residents of Darlington.
Diversity	This report has implications relating to diversity for the residents of Darlington.
Wards Affected	This report does not impact on a particular Ward, but Darlington as a whole.
Groups Affected	This report does not impact on a particular Group, but Darlington residents as a whole.
Budget and Policy Framework	This report does not represent a change to the budget and policy framework.
Key Decision	This is not a Key Decision.
Urgent Decision	This is not an Urgent Decision.
One Darlington: Perfectly Placed	The report contributes to the Sustainable Community Strategy in a number of ways through the involvement of Members in contributing to the delivery of the five themes.
Efficiency	This report does not identify specific efficiency savings.

MAIN REPORT

8. Members of the Scrutiny Committee commenced this piece of work in April 2012 and it has become clear that the Trust's Clinical Strategy is a changeable document.
9. Members will recall that an Interim Report was presented to the Scrutiny Committee in December 2012 (HP44 Minutes refers) which provide Members with the opportunity to review the work that has been undertaken by each individual Task and Finish Review Group and the opportunity to agree whether :-
 - (a) it was appropriate to continue the Task and Finish Review Group work;
 - (b) whether circumstances have dictated that it is no longer necessary; or
 - (c) whether it was possible to amalgamate the Task and Finish Review Groups together.
10. Pursuant to the Interim Report Members agreed the following:
 - (a) Emergency and Urgent Care – As agreed in August 2012 (HP Minute 14 refers), this area of work be undertaken by the whole Committee as the Urgent Care Task and Finish Review Group and regular updates be received.
 - (b) Surgery – It was agreed that this piece of work be dissolved and a new Task and Finish Review Group be established to consider obesity.
 - (c) Women and Children – It was agreed that Women and Children Task and Finish Review Group becomes The Friarage Task and Finish Review Group to respond to the impending consultation in respect of the Friarage Hospital and that all Members of the Scrutiny Committee be invited to attend the meetings
11. In relation to the work being undertaken in respect of Long Term Conditions and Older People and End of Life Care this work has continued.
12. The Final Reports are attached as Appendices, as follows:-

Appendix A - Long Term Conditions; and
Appendix B – Older People and End of Life Care.