

## **Northern Locality Board Meeting**

**August 2013**

### **Locality Managing Director's Report**

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#### **1.0 Introduction**

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This report provides an overview of work streams progressed by the Locality Managing Director in July 2013.

Topics covered in this paper include:

- Care Closer to Home
- Transforming Torrington Together
- Practice Visits
- Clinical Pathway Groups (CPGs)

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#### **2.0 Care Closer to Home**

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This month has been a busy month for the Locality. The Care Closer to Home conversation has been launched with the public regarding the provision of health services within the community. Everyone is invited to comment using the following link <https://www.newdevonccg.nhs.uk/northern/get-involved/care-closer-to-home--have-your-say/100522> which also includes a set of questions to obtain a range of information which we can then use to inform our planning and commissioning of community services. Work is ongoing with the district councils in relation to identifying engagement methods with the public. We will use the website link to update on themes and learning gathered to ensure the debate remains current.

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#### **3.0 Transforming Torrington Together**

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The Transforming Torrington Together pilot has been gathering momentum. A task group has been established with members of the public and one of the key pieces of work for this

group is to input into an evaluation document so that there are clear criteria to demonstrate whether the pilot is a success or not. The pilot is due to start by 1<sup>st</sup> September 2013.

A series of formal and informal meetings have been set up to ensure that residents of Torrington are able to ask questions and raise any concerns about the “Transforming Torrington Together” pilot. Senior clinicians and managers will be at Torrington Hospital every week from Friday 2 August 2013 onwards, to ensure residents and patients have the opportunity to understand the aims of the pilot. A public meeting is also being convened on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> August at The Plough Arts Centre.

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#### **4.0 Practice Visits**

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Practice visits are underway in our locality. These visits are attended by myself as well as Dr John Womersley and Dr Chris Bowman. The aims of these meetings are to develop relationships with our member practices, find out their thoughts and aspirations of the Locality and Clinical Commissioning Group as well as to discuss with them the concept of Care Closer to Home. Nearly half of Northern Locality’s practices have been visited and the meetings have been very positive and informative, we continue to meet with the remaining practices. We are keeping a log of each visit and hope to tie the main themes of the visits into our care closer to home work.

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#### **5.0 Clinical Pathway Groups (CPGs)**

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The locality has been pursuing a new governance structure in relation to clinical pathway groups (replacing consultant to consultant groups). The main reasons have been to reduce the number of groups in existence as clinicians were being spread too thin but also to ensure that each group had specific objectives which related to the commissioning intentions of the locality and ultimately the QIPP plan which needs to be delivered this financial year. At the joint executive with NDHT in July the CPGs and their terms of reference were signed off. All the CPGs flow into two over-arching groups which are the referral management group and the urgent care forum. Both these groups will report into the board at certain points in the year.