

North East SPF Sub-Group Meeting

Key Communications – 2 December 2016

Welcome

Welcome to the key communications from the North East Social Partnership Forum, which is a Sub Group of the North of England SPF. The meeting was held on 2 December 2016.

North East STPs

Today's meeting featured presentations and group discussion on STPs with Ann Farrar BHP Programme Director for the Durham Dales Easington and Sedgfield, Darlington, Tees, Hambleton, Richmond and Whitby STP, and Mark Adams and Hilary Bellwood from Northumberland, Tyne and Wear and North Durham STP.

Although the STPs are two separate plans, the overall aim of both STPs is to reduce variations in healthcare and provide innovative solutions by coming together with a shared plan across the system. Both presentations showed how without change the system will be financially unsustainable. Collaborative plans will allow patients to receive services in the community, preventing ill health and increasing self-care.

Staff side commented that as the STPs effect the workforce they need to be informed as early as possible for their members as it impacts them as employees but also as members of the public. Mark Adams advised that 80% of what are in the STPs are what they are already doing but it does come under a different umbrella as now it is out there for people to see. Both STPs are going through engagement processes giving people an opportunity to comment and for the STPs to validate. A communications lead has been designated for the NE SPF meetings for the STPs.

Developing Social Partnership Working across STPs

The group discussed the draft paper that sets out the arrangements for partnership working between management and trade union representatives within the North East STP areas. The chairs agreed to work on the document and bring back to the 24 February Meeting to sign off.

Tacking Bullying: A collective call to action

This has been produced by the National SPF which supports a collective call in partnership for action and change across the system. The group discussed that it would be good to have a focused item on this at February's meeting and perhaps get Jon Restell, Chief Executive from MIP can attend who was involved with this piece of work

Streamlining

A theme throughout the meeting was to ensure that work on STPs is aligned with the Regional Streamlining Programme. Sarah Kilner, Programme Manager for the Streamlining Programme in the North East presented to the group on the progress and developments of streamlining in the North East.

Date and time of next meeting

The next meeting of the North East SPF is 24 February 2017