

Yorkshire and Humber SPF Sub-Group

Key Communications – 23 November 2018

Welcome

Welcome to the key communications from the Yorkshire and Humber Social Partnership Forum, which is a Sub Group of the North of England SPF. The meeting was held in Leeds on 23 November 2018

Transforming Care

The group heard an update from Rachael Bumby (NHS England) and Charlotte Carr (HEE) on the Transforming Care programme. The programme commenced in response to the Winterbourne Scandal and aims to build the right support whilst also reducing inappropriate use of in-patient beds. There is potentially the opportunity to further strengthen the links between Transforming Care and STP workforce plans in Yorkshire & Humber.

Freedom To Speak Up

Judith Graham (FTSU Guardian Chair Y&H) provided a national and regional update on FTSU issues. The group then held a discussion on associated themes such the use of additional advocate roles at some trusts to support the FTSU, and the considerations if a senior member of staff occupies the FTSU Guardian role.

Pensions

During the meeting, some concerns and questions were raised over special class pension status, and it was agreed the Y&H SPF should consider further awareness raising or escalation through the national SPF to ensure staff are not experiencing discrepancies or inconsistent information relating to their pension status.

Closure of band 1

It was noted that the Y&H SPF held a separate regional telephone conference on the subject of band 1 closure (call held on 13 November). This was a useful sharing exercise focussing on associated progress and challenges in the region. All agreed to continue following national guidance released via the Staff Council, and a further Y&H call may be considered if required in the future.

Date and time of next Y&H SPF meeting

Friday 11 January 1.30pm, NHS Employers, 2 Brewery Wharf, Leeds, LS10 1JR