

Yorkshire and Humber SPF Sub-Group

Key Communications – 11 January 2019

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 11 January 2019

NHS England Update

The group heard an update from Daniel Hartley (Regional Director of People and OD for NHS England) on the integration of NHS England and NHS Improvement which are designed to drive improvements in the local health system. There will be anticipated management cost savings of 20% through the coming-together.

NHS Long Term Plan

David Prater (NHS Employers) and Daniel Hartley took the group through the key workforce points for the NHS Long Term Plan. There is a significant workforce focus, though much detail is still to be confirmed NHS Improvement taking the lead responsibility for a workforce implementation plan and alignment with the work of HEE. There will be an investment of 4.5 billion in commissioning and primary care which will allow money to be spent to bring down barriers between these areas and social care to, allow a more diverse and fluid workforce. The National SPF is named in the membership for the national workforce group, and trade union involvement is referenced in several other sections of the plan.

The group commented that whilst it was a great statement of intent they were yet to see what the practicalities of achieving them are. There was also comment regarding the balance of 'growing our own' vs international recruitment in terms of supply routes.

Joint Statement on EU Status

It was agreed that the Yorkshire and Humber SPF joint chairs will write out to Yorkshire and Humber management and staff side contacts to advise of their support for trusts to pay for EU staff to apply for settled status.

Future workplan

Themes for a new workplan were agreed at the meeting, with some staff side lead names already allocated to lead on the meeting themes. It was agreed that a document will be circulated summarising the themes and securing a management and staff side lead for all areas.

Flu will feature at the next meeting as agenda item, to discuss best practice and it is hoped that these sessions will allow a mini improvement plan to be developed for trusts to take away with them.

Date and time of next Y&H SPF meeting

Friday 8 March 1.30pm, NHS Employers, 2 Brewery Wharf, Leeds, LS10 1JR