

North West SPF Sub-Group

Key Communications – 23 September 2015

Welcome

Welcome to the key communications from the North West Social Partnership Forum, which is a Sub Group of the North of England SPF. The meeting was held on 23 September 2015.

Management-side representation at future meetings

The group has agreed to invite Deputy HRD colleagues to attend future regional SPF meetings. This could have a range of benefits for the group and its outcomes. For example increasing employer-representation at meetings, and also bringing fresh perspectives to regional discussions and decision-making made by the SPF.

Greater Manchester Partnership and Engagement Group

This new group will allow specific focus on Devolution Manchester, as an extension and new sub-group of the NW SPF. The meetings will enable more regular and frequent discussion, bringing together representatives from the health sector and local government. It is hoped this channel of communication will be fully active by the new year, with an appropriate mix of members.

NHS TDA update

Mark Fuller attended and provided an update on various FT pipeline issues in the NW.

Healthy Liverpool

Karen O' Dowd (CSP) provided background and a brief update of the programme. It was agreed that the next meeting of the sub-group will take place in Liverpool and be a session focussed on Healthy Liverpool. In addition, Liverpool HRDs and union reps will be invited to join the meeting.

Health Education North West

Kim Leigh provided a detailed update for the group on current programmes and priorities for HENW, including:

- Funding available for employers to improve retention of newly qualified staff
- Continuation of return to practice programmes
- Extension of funding to pre-degree nurse students with 6 month HCA posting
- Funding to support streamlining in NW
- New 'career and development hubs' to improve careers engagement with schools

Date and time of next meeting

18 November 2015, venue and time TBC