

North West SPF Sub-Group

Key Communications – 18 November 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 18 November 2015.

Ongoing engagement with the Healthy Liverpool programme

Following an action from the previous meeting, representatives from the Healthy Liverpool programme attended to present to the group. Following the workshop, it was agreed that HRDs, staff side and communications colleagues should continue to work closely together, and that learning from the Manchester devolution programme should be shared. Healthy Liverpool will be tabled as a standing item on the agenda, and members of the programme team will continue to attend future SPF meetings to update the group on progress.

Streamlining

Sally Campbell has been appointed as the programme director for the NW. The programme aims to reduce duplication and costs associated with staff movements between organisations, whilst also bringing advantages for the individual employees involved.

Despite some key workforce challenges and substantial change management, streamlining approaches in other regions have shown benefits, in terms of making HR processes such as recruitment and training more efficient. A paper will be completed in December regarding governance and engagement arrangements and will be shared with the group in the next meeting on 20 January 2016.

Commissioning Update

Graham Urwin, Director of Commissioning Operations for Lancashire and Greater Manchester at NHS England provided an informative update on current progressions within NHS England, which have implications for both the Devolution Manchester programme and the North West as a whole. Key messages were:

- Public Health England are currently consulting on changes to Immunisation Services
- CCGs have been invited to apply for level 3 co-commissioning, meaning that they can take on full delegated commissioning responsibility for primary care.
- Because of the pace of devolution in Manchester, NHS England will retain control; sees Devolution Manchester as a delegation rather than a devolution.

Graham also outlined the challenges for NHS England and other ALBs following the comprehensive spending review, where they have been asked to model savings of between 20% and 40%. NHS England have also established a programme officer for the disaggregation of Lancashire services.

Date and time of next meeting

20 January 2016, Seminar Room 16, Education Centre 2, Royal Preston Hospital, 10am-12pm

The North Partnership Financial Summit will be taking place at Horizon in Leeds, 10am-3.30pm on 12 January 2015. There are limited places; please book onto the event here: <http://www.nhsemployers.org/events/2016/01/exploring-the-funding-settlement-for-the-nhs>