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Latest timetable for the North East Review

Following discussions with the North East Review Stakeholder Forum and HOSC taskforce, the North East Review Panel have agreed to extend the deadline for the report and recommendations to January 2009. This is to ensure that stakeholders have sufficient time to consider the draft report and make comments to the panel before it is finalised, and to allow the taskforce more time to scrutinise the review processes.

Chair of the Stakeholder Forum, Stuart Henderson, welcomed the panel's decision. He said, "This new timetable will give stakeholders more time to consult with those they represent on the recommendations that the panel propose to make. I am delighted that both the PCT and the panel have taken seriously our proposal to delay the publication of the report and amended their timescales accordingly."

Details of the new timetable are outlined below.

October 08

16 October: HOSC Taskforce

28 October: Acute Capacity Workshop (St Catherine's Hospice, Crawley)

****Please note: The Stakeholder Forums scheduled for 27 and 29 October have been cancelled due to the scheduling of the acute capacity workshop.****

November 08

4 November: Dissemination of report (draft 1)

10 November: Stakeholder Forum (The Hawth, Crawley)

11 November: Panel Meeting (9-1pm, Pulborough Primary Care Centre)

13 November: HOSC Taskforce

20 November: Stakeholder Forum (Clair Hall, Haywards Heath)

26 November: Dissemination of report (draft 1)

****Please note: The Panel Meeting on 11 November will now be held in public)**

December 08

3 December: Panel Meeting (venue TBC)

8 December: Stakeholder Forum (Clair Hall, Hayward Heath)

w/c 8 December: Taskforce (date TBC)

January 09

19 January: North East Review Report and Recommendations to West Sussex HOSC

29 January: NE Review Report and Recommendations to West Sussex PCT Board

North East Review Panel hears evidence on secondary care

The North East Review Panel Meeting on 24 September provided an opportunity for the panel to hear views on local secondary care services from a number of key stakeholders.

Surrey and Sussex NHS Healthcare Trust (SaSH) presented their vision for Crawley Hospital as a Local General Hospital with an enhanced Urgent Treatment Centre and vibrant day surgery services. Brighton and Sussex University Hospitals Trust outlined plans to strengthen the PRH as a centre for rehabilitation and primary and community provision and to develop clinical and academic partnerships with neighbouring trusts including SaSH and the Queen Victoria Hospital.

Horsham and Mid Sussex District Councils and Crawley Borough Council outlined their concerns

about the capacity and capability of the acute sector serving the north-east, and representatives from the Support the Princess Royal Campaign focussed on concerns about the future of maternity services at the Princess Royal Hospital. West Sussex PCT Chief Executive, John Wilderspin, provided the panel with detail on the PCT's Strategic Commissioning Plan and noted plans for the development of services in the north-east, including extended day surgery and outpatient



provision, expanded mobile imaging, the provision of intravenous chemotherapy and radiotherapy, further development of endoscopy and extended access to stroke treatment and rehabilitation. The panel also heard from West Sussex County Council and John Gooderham.

In the afternoon, the panel considered what further evidence might need to be collated on acute capacity in the north-east and also heard feedback from the latest stakeholder forum and taskforce.

North East Review Panel Members

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(Chair)

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Taff Davies

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(GP representative of the
Professional Executive
Committee)

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the Professional Executive
Committee)

**Dr Amit Bhargava/Dr
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(GP Practice Based
Commissioning
representatives)

Neil Ferrelly

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The North East Review gets out and about

The North East Review Support Team continues to attend meetings, focus groups and events across Crawley, Horsham and Mid Sussex to inform local people about the review and gather views on health services. In September, we attended the Horsham and District Patient & Carers Network; North Horsham County Local Committee; East & West Crawley County Local Committee; and the Mid Sussex

Multicultural Group. We also ran a stall at the PCT's recent Health Matters event. Following advice from the Stakeholder Forum and the HOSC Taskforce, we have also made a particular effort to engage with representatives of the Black and Minority Ethnic Communities in the north-east.

As a result of our efforts, we will be attending a



number of meetings with BME groups throughout October, including the Gurjar Hindu Union, Crawley's BME leaders.

Stakeholder Forums

The Stakeholder Forum met in September following a tour of Queen Victoria Hospital. Dr Minesh Patel (Chair of Mid Sussex Practice Based Commissioning Group) presented to the forum on commissioning secondary care and care outside hospitals. Alan Morley (SaSH) updated the forum on access/transport to Redhill Hospital from Crawley and Horsham, provoking a lively debate on the role of the voluntary sector in enhancing access to acute services.

On 2nd October, Brian Hughes (West Sussex PCT) presented to the Stakeholder Forum on the PCT's commissioning plans for Crawley, Horsham and Mid Sussex. Gail Wannell, Chief Executive of SaSH, outlined SaSH's vision for the provision of acute services to the population of the north-east. Liz Costigan (West Sussex PCT) updated the forum on the work programme for the Paediatric Working Group which has been established to consider the delivery of focused, integrated children's services across the north-



east area. Anne Thompson (Contracts Manager for Ambulance Services & Transport, West Sussex PCT) presented to the forum on the Patient Transport Service. The forum was also updated on the North East Review Panel Meeting and the proposed changes in timetable for the review.

Workshop on acute capacity

The North East Review Panel and Stakeholder Forum will participate in a workshop on acute capacity will take place on Tuesday 28 October at St Catherine's Hospice in Crawley.

The workshop will focus on the capacity and capability of the acute sector in the north-east and access to hospital services.

There will also be an opportunity for the HOSC Taskforce to meet with Sir Graeme Catto, chair of the North East Review Panel, to outline the work they have done so far on scrutinising the review.

Engaging disabled people in the North East Review



The Stakeholder Forum now has an independent disabled representative who is very keen to gather views on health services in the north-east area.

If you are disabled, or a relative, friend or carer of a disabled person, and would like to comment on the North East Review from a disabled perspective, please email NER.Disabled@Gmail.com before 17 October 08.

Secondary care submissions

The closing date for submissions on secondary care was 12th September. A total of 21 submissions were received and have been read by the North East Review Panel.

Submissions were received from a broad range of stakeholders including local authorities, NHS Trusts, local MPs, patient representatives and interested individuals.



“We need to decide what services we should have in the north-east before we think about what facilities to house them in.”

Sir Graeme Catto