



North Durham Clinical Commissioning Group
Durham Dales, Easington and Sedgfield Clinical Commissioning Group
Darlington Clinical Commissioning Group

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STAKEHOLDER BRIEFING

Review of Stroke Rehabilitation Services

In 2011, the local NHS consulted and changed the model for hyper acute stroke, so that anyone who had a stroke within the area would go directly to the stroke ward at the University Hospital of North Durham for rapid assessment and treatment.

At this time, there was a commitment to review the rehabilitation provision for stroke to ensure that patient experience and outcomes were maximised for the local population.

County Durham and Darlington Clinical Commissioning Groups (CCGs) and County Durham and Darlington Foundation Trust have made a commitment to review community provision for stroke.

Following recent presentations by the CCGs and the Trust at their local Overview and Scrutiny Committees, it was highlighted that there was a need to review pathways particularly in light of existing and emerging national guidance for stroke and performance against current outcomes for those who have had a stroke.

They also provided a detailed overview of the current state and suggested a period of engagement with stroke patients, families/carers as well as further discussion with clinicians to understand best practice and areas for development.

The review will look at the current pathway which includes the specialist stroke rehabilitation provision at Bishop Auckland Hospital, as well as rehabilitation provision outside the hospital in the community.

We want the views of patients who have experienced a stroke and / or their families/carers to help us to provide a service that delivers care closer to home where possible and more continuity of care.

The engagement activity will begin on Thursday 4th October until Friday 9th November and will include speaking to patients who are currently on the stroke wards at Bishop Auckland Hospital and University Hospital of North Durham and those who have recently been discharged.

We will also be attending established stroke groups within the community to talk to stroke survivors to gather feedback on their experiences. We will be discussing options around new ways of providing care to stroke patients which would enhance their experience.

If you have recently experienced a stroke or are a family member/carer for someone who has, and would like give your views on your experience of the rehabilitation services, please click the link to take part in a survey:

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/CDDstrokerehabONLINE>

If you need assistance in completing the survey, would like a paper copy or require the survey in an alternative format, please contact Tina Balbach on 0191 371 3245 or email: tina.balbach@nhs.net