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County Durham LINK Meeting/Event

Date: 18th October 2011

Event: Shadow Health & Wellbeing Board

Number/range of attendees: 15

Purpose of meeting/event: Final Development Session

Record completed by: Peter Irving

There was an update on the Social Care bill and NHS reforms.

The Owen Bill had been voted down, which would have delayed any changes till April next year.

There will be a Public Reforms update in December where we will know the allocation for 2012/13.

There is a developing relationship with other Partners based on true partnership between organisations. This is a shared understanding on the Board being taken forward.

The JSNA offered new opportunities for commissioning.

The National position was still fluctuating due to the stop start process.

Peter Stuart did a review of previous sessions and the Aims, Objectives, and Aspirations. There was exclusivity in the board and ability to consider strategic issues. There was an emerging landscape where there would be fewer CCGs. The Public Health was transferring to the Local Authority. There was a developing relationship with others and they were now working in detail with CCGs.

Discussions with 14 PCTs clusters were going on over the authorisation and development of the CCGs. The CCGs were being supported by CSU (Commissioning Support Units) in commissioning.

The responsibility for offender and servicemen health stays with CDDNHS. Thing had not changed since the pause and still going ahead as planned with the CCGs. There were 2 clinical commissioning groups, one in Durham the other in Darlington.

By March 2012 100% of the budget would be delegated to the CCGs, also the accreditation of the CSUs.

Under the terms of reference and work plan program, I took the opportunity to raise the issue over the change into HealthWatch and the issue of the membership of the Link in the board. There would, depending on the outcome of the HealthWatch contract, be a need to have the volunteer and community aspect on the board properly represented.



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