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County Durham LINK Meeting/Event

Date: 25 th October 2011
Event: Adults Wellbeing & Health OSC committee
Number/range of attendees: 25
Purpose of meeting/event: Scheduled meeting
Record completed by: Peter Irving
<p>The meeting was well attended with a few Link members there as well. There was a report from the Link which we used the report given at the AGM with a few minor alterations.</p> <p>There was an update from Peter Appleton on the NHS reforms covering. Healthy Lives Healthy People, Public Health England and the Role and responsibilities for Local Authorities. Director of Public Health Role, Public Health Workforce Strategy, Public Health Outcomes Framework, Public Health Reforms Updates and other policy developments, Shadow Health & Wellbeing Board, Developments in Durham County Council.</p> <p><u>Implications</u></p> <p>Finance LAs will receive a ring-fenced budget for Public Health. Staffing, Transfer of Health improvement functions to LAs will have implications for existing NHS staff.</p> <p>Risk, Failing to establish Health & Wellbeing Boards may leave DCC opens to legal challenge.</p> <p>There was a paper on proposed changes to Orthodontic Services. Again they were proposing centralising services with the same reason as previously quoted in other NHS changes.</p>



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Reduced referrals due to commissioning service changes.

Yet again difficulty recruiting Consultants and number of trainee consultants.

A better way to meet needs of complex treatments.

The proposals mean that yet again this resource is being removed from Bishop Auckland hospital and dales people will have to travel to James Cook or the Friarage at Northallerton.

Actions required



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