

County Durham LINK Meeting/Event

Date: 9 th June 2010
Event: North East Ambulance Service Link Forum Meeting
Number/range of attendees:
Purpose of meeting/event:
Record completed by: Michael Dalton
<p>The Chairman of the Trust Tony Dell attended the meeting to give the Forum an update of the Trust activities, particularly in view of the recent change of Government with particular emphasis on the potential savings that it will have to make. He spoke about the efforts that the Trust is already making to make savings but he said that undoubtedly further savings would have to be found in order to meet the Government's spending cuts. Tony said that this would be very difficult to achieve but that the Trust was committed to achieving savings without the care of the patients being unduly affected.</p> <p>The Forum was then given a presentation about a project that the Trust is embarking on to put together a directory of NHS services in the region in order to advise patients of more appropriate course of treatment without the need to transport the patient to A&E. The benefit of this to both the NHS and the patient would be substantial. The Forum was told that the Trust was having good dialogue with the various Commissioning Trusts in the region who were helping to provide the relevant information about the services available in the region that are to be included in the directory.</p> <p>Following the previous meeting a further draft of the Trust's Quality Accounts was presented with the various amendments suggested by the Forum members. This will be presented to the next Trust Board meeting.</p>
<p>Recommendations</p> <p>A proposal was made and agreed by all that each of the LINK's should write to the Commissioning teams in their area to encourage them to provide as much information as possible about the services available in their particular area, for inclusion in the directory of services. Therefore this report is recommending to the LINK Management Board that it writes a letter to NHS County Durham to this effect.</p>