

## Press Release

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### **NHS Better Health Programme to ask the public for their views on health services**

The NHS Better Health Programme is holding 12 engagement events with members of the public in February and March 2016, to find out which services are being delivered well and where the NHS could do better.

The events are being held in clinical localities across Darlington, Country Durham and Teesside.

Dates for the events are as follows and all are welcome to attend (registration details below):

<b>Date of Event</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Location</b>
09-Feb	10:00 – 12:00	Chester-le-Street
11-Feb	16:00 – 18:00	Stanley
15-Feb	14:00 – 16:00	Durham
16-Feb	16:00 – 18:00	Hartlepool
18-Feb	14:00 – 16:00	Darlington
22-Feb	14:00 – 16:00	Redcar
24-Feb	10:00 – 12:00	Billingham
25-Feb	16:00 – 18:00	Eston
26-Feb	10:00 – 12:00	North Ormesby
01-Mar	16:00 – 18:00	Barnard Castle
02-Mar	14:00 – 16:00	Spennymoor
03-Mar	10:00 – 12:00	Murton

The Better Health Programme, which is managed collectively by all NHS organisations in the area, is looking at how it can provide the best possible services to its communities. Health needs are changing and thanks to better care, people are surviving illnesses and living with conditions for much longer than they used to. This means that health services need to change too.

A consultation is expected to start in November 2016, so the public's view are very important at this stage to help develop possible scenarios around which changes may best meet patients' needs.

A partnership between local NHS clinical commissioning groups and foundation trusts



*The NHS in Darlington,  
Durham and Tees*

Jon Tomlinson, Programme Director for Better Health Programme said: “We are engaging with local people to seek their views on what NHS services are most important to them considering the pressures we recognise on the system. These 12 events will allow us to share the Better Health Programme’s objectives and open up discussions on health priorities, particularly around how some hospital services can be delivered in the community to bring better outcomes to patients”.

Details of the 12 events and a background to the programme are available at [www.nhsbetterhealth.org.uk](http://www.nhsbetterhealth.org.uk) and at <http://www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/nhs-better-health-programme-9505048832> or those interested can get in touch by emailing [necsu.betterhealthprogramme@nhs.net](mailto:necsu.betterhealthprogramme@nhs.net). Please come along and have your say.

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