

Press Release

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NHS Better Health Programme announces the date for its 50th public engagement session

On 15th November the NHS Better Health Programme Engagement will listen to the views of public, patients and stakeholders at a public meeting in Northallerton, with support from NHS Hambleton, Richmond and Whitby Clinical Commissioning Group.

The meeting will be held at **The Golden Lion Hotel, 114 High Street, Northallerton DL7 8PP, from 6-8pm on Tuesday 15th November 2016.**

The aim of the Better Health Programme is to offer an enhanced level of care for adults and children, especially in an emergency, and in maternity, with more consultants available round the clock.

The programme affects services at hospitals in the Tees Valley which are used by residents of North Yorkshire - James Cook University Hospital in Middlesbrough and Darlington Memorial Hospital, as well as University Hospital of North Tees in Stockton.

Northallerton will be the 50th public engagement event held by the Programme, which has so far captured the views of over 1200 attendees across both public and stakeholder sessions, since September 2015.

The programme is still in engagement phase and consultation is expected to begin in June 2017. No decisions have been made regarding any changes to hospital services.

Those who wish to register to attend the event, can do so online:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/event-11-northallerton-151116-nhs-better-health-programme-engagement-event-tickets-28941272124>

or by phone during office hours (01642 745401). Places are limited so people are asked to register in advance.

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Notes to Editor

What does our local NHS do well?
Where can we improve?

The Better Health programme is about providing care of a consistently high standard, and in the right place at the right time.

Experienced Clinical staff from the local NHS – including hospital consultants and GPs - have been looking at how we do this, in discussion with their colleagues, stakeholders and patient representatives.

They believe that people with serious or life threatening needs should be treated in specialist centres with the very best expertise and facilities. This will maximise their chances of survival and a good recovery – even if it means going past the nearest hospital.

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