

Press Release

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NHS Better Health Programme February Events on Maternity and Children's Services

In February the NHS Better Health Programme will continue to engage with the public and patients through a series of public meetings across Durham Dales, Easington, Sedgefield, Darlington and Tees. In this phase programme leaders are seeking people's views on local maternity and children's services.

The events will focus on what's important to you about the care you and your family receive and how we can make it better, and what would influence your choice about where you would have your baby.

Helen Simpson, Consultant Obstetrician at South Tees Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust, and one of around 100 clinicians on the Better Health Programme said:

"We need to be able to take people's thoughts and opinions, learn from them and maybe adapt process and adapt small change and explain things better if we need to. Listening to people is absolutely a pivotal part of this process."

Here is the list of event dates, times and venues:

Venue	Date	Time	
North Ormesby Community Hub and Library Derwent Street, North Ormesby, Middlesbrough, TS3 6JB	Wed 1 st Feb	4.30-6.30pm	Register
Thornaby Methodist Church Thornaby, Stockton-on-Tees, TS17 9HA	Thu 2 nd Feb	4-6pm	Register
Sunny Field House 36, Westgate, Guisborough, TS14 6BA	Sat 4 th Feb	10.30– 12.30pm	Register
Hartlepool FE College Stockton St, Hartlepool, TS24 7NT	Mon 6 th Feb	5.30-7.30pm	Register
Shotton Hall Old Shotton, Peterlee, SR8 2PH	Tue 7 th Feb	6-8pm	Register
Mercure Darlington Kings Hotel 9-12 Priestgate, Darlington, Co Durham, DL1 1NW	Wed 8 th Feb	6-8pm	Register
Barnard Castle Hub Ing Lane, Shaw Bank, Barnard Castle, DL12 8TB	Thu 9 th Feb	4-6pm	Register
Sedgefield Parish Hall Front Street, Sedgefield, TS21 3AT	Thu 23 rd Feb	11-1pm	Register

The event will include a new video describing local services, featuring the following key clinicians:

- Jo Crawford, Head of Midwifery, County Durham and Darlington NHS Foundation Trust

- Helen Simpson, Consultant Obstetrician at South Tees Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust

- Professor Jonathan Wyllie, Consultant Neonatologist, South Tees Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust

- Bruce McLain, Consultant paediatrician at North Tees & Hartlepool NHS Foundation Trust

Please click here to view the video: <https://youtu.be/YCtj7avzJx8>



*The NHS in Darlington,
Durham and Tees*

The programme is still in engagement phase and consultation is expected to begin in the Summer of 2017.

No decisions have been made regarding any changes to hospital services.

Those who wish to register to attend an NHS Better Health Programme public engagement event, can do so [online](#) 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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