

PRESS RELEASE

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CCGs meeting on Future of Local Health Services in Northern Staffordshire

Time: 2.30pm Tuesday 4 December 2018

Place: The Tony Waddington Suite, Bet365 Stadium, Stanley Matthews Way, Stoke-on-Trent, ST4 4EG

North Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent CCGs' governing bodies meeting in common will be held in public on Tuesday 4 December at the Bet365 Stadium.

There will only be one item on the agenda, the future of local health services.

The CCGs have been working together with clinicians, health partners, local authorities, voluntary organisations and the public to look at how local health and care services could be delivered differently to meet local needs against the backdrop of significant challenges faced by the health economy.

Over the last couple of years, the CCGs have been developing the options for change which have been through a rigorous assurance process and incorporates the recommendations made by the Independent Reconfiguration Panel.

The CCGs have developed a Pre-Consultation Business Case (PCBC) that sets out what they believe to be a viable and sustainable model of care for the future of community services, and the options for change which they wish to test and consult upon.

The CCGs' governing bodies are now meeting to discuss the PCBC and decide if the CCGs are ready to move to formal consultation. This is an important step toward delivering the right services in the right place which place patients at the centre of service delivery.

The long-awaited decision will be heard in public at the Tony Waddington Suite, Bet365 Stadium in Stoke-on-Trent.

Marcus Warnes, Accountable Officer for the Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent CCGs said: "This is a meeting at which we hope to make the decision to consult about the Future of Local Health Services. The PCBC discusses options for integrated care based in the community, community rehabilitation beds and some specialist

services. We want to be open and transparent in the process and so we are holding our meeting in public.

“This is a process that has taken a long time, but it is right and proper that it is being done carefully and correctly rather than quickly.”

As the CCGs need to make the necessary arrangements to make sure that everyone who wishes to attend can do so, we are using The Waddington Suite as it can accommodate a larger number of attendees than at our usual governing body meetings.

To help us make these arrangements and ensure that we have any additional requirements such as a British Sign Language interpreter in place, we would like people to let us know by 27 November if they wish to attend by booking a place via our Eventbrite link: Governing Body 4 December 2018
(<https://governingbodyincommon-northstaffsandstokeontrent.eventbrite.co.uk>)

For those who do not have access to the internet, please contact North Staffordshire CCG on 01782 298002 to book a place.

As for all governing body meetings, people attending are able to ask questions. However, this is a meeting of the governing bodies in public, not a public meeting, so time will be set aside at the end of the meeting for questions. To help ensure as many people as possible have the opportunity to ask a question, the CCGs are requesting that people keep to one question each.

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Notes to editors

For media enquiries, to arrange attendance at the meeting and/or interviews phone 0333 150 1602 or email mediacsu@nhs.net

Papers for the meeting to be held on Tuesday 4 December will be published on 27 November 2018.

More information on the process so far can be found on the [Future of Local Health Services](http://www.healthservicesnorthstaffs.nhs.uk) website (www.healthservicesnorthstaffs.nhs.uk).

North Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent CCGs commission (buy) most NHS care including community, mental health and hospital-based services in Northern Staffordshire and are responsible for deciding which service providers receive NHS money.

CCGs are led by their GP members which means that all decision making is informed by clinical experts. Together, the two CCGs serve approximately 500,000 people across Stoke-on-Trent, Newcastle-under-Lyme and the Staffordshire Moorlands.