

# PRESS RELEASE

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## **First public consultation event gathers important feedback – more opportunities coming up**

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On Wednesday, 16 January the first public workshop for the consultation on the future of local health services in northern Staffordshire took place at Ormiston Meridan Academy in Stoke-on-Trent.

Members of North Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent Clinical Commissioning Groups (CCGs), who are leading the consultation, talked through the proposed changes, what the consultation was about and asked attendees to give their views and ask any questions they had.

There are several more events including stands at local hospitals and shopping centres planned across northern Staffordshire including an extra public workshop event in Leek. This extra event will be held on Monday, 11 March, from 7 – 9 pm at St Edward's Church of England Academy on Westwood Road in Leek.

People interested in attending can book via: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/future-of-local-health-services-public-event-leek-tickets-55073005843>

The consultation will run until 17 March 2019. The aim is to find the best possible outcomes for local people to ensure we have better, high quality and sustainable care, closer to home now and in the future. The consultation proposes changes to:

- Community-based services in Newcastle-under-Lyme, Stoke-on-Trent and Staffordshire Moorlands
- Community hospital beds available for rehabilitation
- Some of the consultant-led outpatients clinics such as outpatients appointments for skin conditions.

Mark Seaton, Managing Director, Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent CCGs said: "We service a population of about half a million people and that local area is very diverse. The current care model is failing our patients, we are not delivering the level of care they need and there are numerous reasons for this.

"People are living longer, and they often have numerous health conditions. We often treat those conditions in isolation. Both national policy and members of the public are telling us that people want more integrated services. The aim of this consultation is to figure out how we go about delivering that."

**Public events** - All events run from 7-9pm with registration from 6.30pm. To book on any of these events go to: <https://www.healthservicesnorthstaffs.nhs.uk/events>

Date	Location
28 January	Port Vale Football Club Hamil Road, Burslem, ST6 1AW
13 February	Holy Trinity Community Centre London Road, Newcastle-under-Lyme, Staffordshire, ST5 1LQ
25 February	The Manor Hotel Watt Place, Cheadle, ST10 1NZ
11 March	St Edward's Church of England Academy Westwood Road, Leek, ST13 8DN

### Pop up stands at shopping centres and markets and local community hospitals

Location	Date	Time
Aynsley Ward Day Room, Longton Cottage Hospital	12 February	10am – 12noon
Affinity Staffordshire, Talke Pits, ST7 1XD	15 January	11am – 2pm
Longton Indoor Market, ST3 2HW	18 January	11am – 2pm
Aynsley Ward Day Room, Longton Cottage Hospital	18 February	1pm – 3pm
Ward 3 Day Room, Cheadle Hospital, Royal Walk	19 February	1pm – 3pm
Leek Market, ST13 5HH	6 February	11am – 2pm
Cheadle Outdoor Market, ST10 1AA	15 February	11am – 2pm
Ward 3 Day Room, Cheadle Hospital	5 March	10am – 12noon

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