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## New spotlight answers questions about getting home after a hospital stay, and patients who are readmitted

New information has been published by health commissioners to help people find out more about the service for some people who are being discharged from hospital back to home.

The NHS service, called Home First, is helping more people to be discharged from hospital once they are clinically fit. It helps avoid the preventable harm that can be caused by a patient being in a hospital bed when they do not need to be there.

The paper, [Spotlight on Home First and Hospital Readmissions](#), also looks at:

- Patients who are readmitted to hospital after they are sent home and the reasons this can happen
- Claims that avoidable readmissions are increasing, which is not the case
- A recent [CQC report into Home First in Stoke-on-Trent](#)

Dr Steve Fawcett said: “These are areas where we are frequently asked questions which is why we have produced the latest in our series of Spotlight fact sheets.

“Home First is delivering better outcomes and improved patient experience. We need people to have accurate information and this is why we are making these papers available online and also to people who are attending meetings as part of our Future of Local Health service consultation.”

The Spotlight paper has been published on the Stoke-on-Trent and North Staffordshire CCG websites and also [The Future of Local Health Services](#) consultation website.

Events are being held around the area as part of the consultation, including one tonight at St Edward’s Church of England Academy which is **SOLD OUT**. A second workshop event will be held in the area for people who could not get a place at this event.

People can find out more about future events and book a place at the [Events page](#) of the consultation website.

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