

The Path to Excellence discussion event on children and young people's healthcare (urgent and emergency paediatrics) services on Saturday 23rd September was attended by 1 person and was an informal discussion.

If a comment is said with a positive sentiment a + has been used and if it is said with concern or negativity a – sign was used.

If you have any concerns or feel anything was missed from your table please contact us via email at: nhs.excellence@nhs.net and we will investigate this further for you.

Conversation

= Public use hospitals because they are convenient rather than actually needing them, such as walk in centres and A&E

- What are the increases in transport times from South Tyneside to Sunderland?

- How would a wheelchair using patient be transported to hospital with a sick child who needed an ambulance?

- There is an issue around young carers (possibly children) going further to hospital if the person they are caring for is blue-lighted to hospital.

- Another issue is for disabled people who are power wheelchair users (for their own safety) – how can they get to hospital if difficult/unsafe to be removed from chair?

= What are the ways to get involved and send a formal response to the consultation?

= There is currently a choice for South Tyneside patients to go to Newcastle, will this continue?

- What if a child needed a consultant/doctor expertise in South Tyneside?

+ I think a paediatric service in South Tyneside is needed till midnight, not 8pm or 10pm.

- Information sharing is vital, many parents at primary school had not heard about the consultation.

+ Need education and information sharing at schools regarding correct use of health services, especially when to go to A&E.

+ Prefer option 1 but can see the benefits of option 2, especially as nurse specialists are capable of treating most conditions in nurse-led units.