

The Path to Excellence discussion event on children and young people's healthcare (urgent and emergency paediatrics) services on Thursday 28th 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

= What happens now in similar services, for example Northallerton and Cramlington, where paediatrics units have closed overnight?

- If you have to train resident A&E adult staff there is a cost to that? You then have to move the child to Sunderland. Both of these things take time.

= How many middle grade doctors do you have in South Tyneside? And how many should you have?

- If you want to get people on side you need to give them travel options to travel to hospital? They hear from campaign groups about the negatives but now you need to give options?

- I accept high quality and safe care are important but you need to be able to access that care.

- My concern with the Friarage to James Cook, it is on the A19 and it is a good journey but if there is an accident it takes even longer. So what happens if there is an emergency and there is an accident between South Tyneside and Sunderland? Looking at this area compared to that area we are a less affluent area and have a lot of deprivation and less cars per household. It is the mindset of people in South Tyneside who have always had these services on the door, you have to offer them something.

= Are you suggesting that it is easier to take a specialist to South Tyneside than all these people travelling to Sunderland for outpatient clinics?

= As a Mum myself, I remember with my asthmatic child you want to know you have someone to look after your child.