

Path to Excellence

South Tyneside launch event

6th July 2017

Questions from the audience

Stroke

- What is the travel time to Sunderland Royal Hospital for stroke patients?
- What are the negative aspects of stroke options?
- Are we putting money into Sunderland to increase capacity on stroke unit?
- Time is of the essence, how will this be impacted – why take patients all the way to Sunderland?
- Why not move acute stroke unit to South Tyneside?
- What do we mean by significant cost?
- How is the travel time of 20 minutes safe if you are saying people lose 1.9million brain cells per minute?
- How are you not making things worse – the graph says South Tyneside is better?
- Stroke is currently sitting at D/E category – what happens if we don't get to a C? Why was there no follow up to the A&E 2012 outstanding model?

Maternity

- How have staff been consulted on the options?
- The language being used does not instil confidence – you need to be honest
- Who have you been talking to within the medical professions to reach this point? If you can't provide minutes, how can we believe you?
- Why can't we rotate the staff to give them the exposure to keep skills up?
- NEAS is considering the impact on them – what if they say they haven't got capacity?
- NEAS is in crisis – where will they get extra paramedics from?
- Lots of low-risk women then become high-risk during labour – how do we make sure it is safe?
- Why can't extra maternity staff work across both hospitals?

- What about the special care baby unit?

Paediatrics

- Why have staff not been given enough information about the consultation – I believe none of the nurses in South Tyneside were asked to contribute?
- Why are South Tyneside staff not included in the videos?
- Where did the 8pm close come from? There are often children still there after 8pm.

Travel & Transport Impact

- P12 ,P91 mentions the travel time of 6 minutes – how is this possible?
- Why have you not consulted with all 9,000 staff?
- How many members of staff at Shields will lose their jobs?
- If there is enough objection with the plans change?
- Local transport users group – the previous advertising campaign for the walk-in centre did not work.
- Will NEAS and the transport providers be invited to the special event you will hold on travel?
- People have been cherry picked – what about those who disagree? There should be an alliance of clinical people to work together.
- Why can't you ask the 9.000 staff with a survey that you can complete when you receive your payslip?
- What are you going to do to improve transport?

General questions

- Are there any plans to sell off any land – Project Phoenix?
- Have you made any Health Impact Assessments?