

What is going on with the Path to Excellence? - what we are doing in the next bit.



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We are the NHS in South Tyneside and Sunderland. We work together.



What has gone on?

We are still working on the Path to Excellence plan.



Our plan is to make hospital services in the future be the best place to work for staff and give the best care to our patients.





South Tyneside District Hospital will still be open.



Sunderland Royal Hospital will still be open.



But to give better care for our patients we may change the way we work.



In the first part of Path to Excellence plan, we made changes to stroke services, maternity services and children's A & E services.

What is going on in the second part.



In the second part we are thinking about:



- How we look after patients who need hospital care in an emergency.



- How we look after patients who need hospital care for a test, treatment, appointment or operation. This is called planned care.



We need to think about what changes will mean for everyone, now and in the future.



We need to think about how we give patient care in other places.



We need to think about how we can help people keep well.



From March 2019 we have asked the public and staff what they thought of our ideas.

They said:



- They wanted to be able to get advice and tests quickly.



- They wanted services to be near where they lived.



- They wanted more NHS staff.



- They wanted NHS staff not to be so busy and stressed.



In 2019 we set up lots of new outpatient clinics in South Tyneside District Hospital.



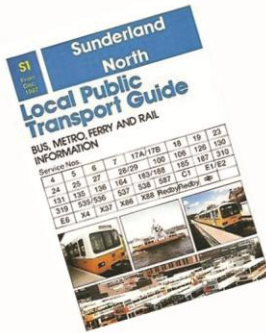
Lots of people from South Tyneside who used to go to Sunderland Royal come to these clinics.



People asked us what any changes would mean about getting to and from hospital.



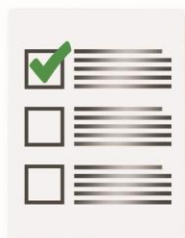
We are working with lots of different groups to look at this.



We have made a leaflet which shows how to get to and from South Tyneside and Sunderland hospitals.



We are still working with the ambulance service to get their ideas about changes to services.



We are making sure our ideas would work if we went ahead with them.



Councillors from local councils are checking that they are good ideas.



In 2020 we will ask the public and staff about our ideas as part of a formal consultation.

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