

Summary report of quarterly assurance review – Darlington CCG assurance report

Quarter 1 2014/15

Headline assessment – Assured

Domain	Assurance level	Particular achievements noted/examples of good practice	Issues identified	Any issues identified requiring further action and actions agreed
Are patients receiving clinically commissioned, high quality services?		Clear clinical leadership being demonstrated across the priority work stream programmes.		
Are patients and the public actively engaged and involved?				
Are CCG plans delivering better outcomes for patients?			A number of issues and challenges associated with urgent/unscheduled care given the performance levels of the main Acute provider.	<p>Ensure robust challenge and scrutiny across a number of key performance indicators, in particular Diagnostics, A and E and Referral to Treatment.</p> <p>Ensure a continued focus on the important area of Cancer 62 day waits to consistently achieve the performance standards required in this area.</p> <p>Engage proactively with</p>

				NEAS regarding the performance of the NHS 111 service and its capacity during winter.
Focus	Assurance level	Particular achievements noted/examples of good practice	Issues identified	Any issues identified requiring further action and actions agreed
Does the CCG have robust governance arrangements?				
Are CCGs working in partnership with others?		Formal strategic partnership with Darlington Borough Council governed through Memorandum of Understanding between organisations.		
Does the CCG have strong and robust leadership		Each of the six priority projects has a clinical lead.		
Cross-cutting themes		Particular achievements noted/examples of good practice	Issues identified	Any issues identified requiring further action and actions agreed
Parity of Esteem		The CCG has increased the investment in		Ensure that the IAPT

	<p>mental health services and ringfenced the resources to mental health to protect its importance.</p> <p>.</p>		<p>performance levels continue to deliver sustained performance, building on the progress to date.</p>
<p>Focus on equality, reducing inequality</p>	<p>Latest public health profiles show an improved position across Darlington though still work to do to close the gap with the national picture.</p>		
<p>Better Care Fund</p>	<p>Excellent integrated working arrangements with Darlington Council, as well as a creative vision that underpins the BCF Plan.</p>		