

**ADULTS, WELLBEING & HEALTH
SCRUTINY & IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE
MONDAY 31ST OCTOBER 2022 AT 10:00
CIVIC CENTRE, RIDLEY STREET, REDCAR, YORKSHIRE, TS10 1TD**



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20 September 2022

CIRCULATION

Councillors Holyoake (Chair), Pallister (Vice Chair), Cawley, Davies, Dowson, Gray, King, Sandra Smith, Thomson, Turner, Watts, Wells and Wilson.

Councillors Kay, Lanigan, Ovens and Westbury (Cabinet Members - For Information)

All Members of the Council (For Information)

Corporate Director for Adults & Communities

Director of Public Health

The Press [except for Confidential item(s)]

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A meeting of the Adults, Wellbeing & Health Scrutiny and Improvement Committee was held on 20 September 2022 at the Civic Centre

PRESENT Councillor Holyoake (Chair), Brook, Gray, Richardson, Sandra Smith, Thomson, Watts, Wells, Wilson.

OFFICIALS M Adams, A Pearson, R Puggmurr, P Rice, V Wilson

IN ATTENDANCE Councillor Kay, K Hawkins, E Joyeux (North East and North Cumbria NHS), L Evans (Trading Standards)

16. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillors Cawley, Dowson, King, Ovens and Pallister.

The Committee observed a one minute silence for the passing of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II.

In the absence of Vice Chair, the Committee agreed Councillor Watts to stand in as Vice Chair for the meeting.

17. **MINUTES**

AGREED that the minutes of the meeting held on 26 July 2022 be confirmed and signed by the Chair as a correct record.

18. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest to note.

19. **RELEVANT CABINET REPORTS**

There were no relevant Cabinet reports to be considered.

20. **GP PERFORMANCE INFORMATION**

Karen Hawkins (Director) and Emma Joyeux (Commissioning Lead) attended the meeting and shared a presentation on Primary Care Access. It was noted that healthcare was provided through a multi-disciplinary team, offering more complex, high quality care.

The presentation outlined regional and localised data on primary care

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appointments. Additional information on the patients survey was available on request. Officers outlined the impact of the standard operating procedure as a result of the Covid 19 pandemic, and the increase in additional roles created since June 2020.

As part of the ensuing discussions, the following comments were made:-

- A Member noted that, with the GP patient survey, Redcar & Cleveland data was below national average.
- In terms of patient experience it was confirmed that the information from the survey was not used in isolation but in partnership with information from services such as Healthwatch and other intelligence to build an overall picture.
- A Member asked for clarification on the number of GP practices.
- The Corporate Director for Adults & Communities confirmed there are 16 practices across the region. The Cambridge medical group sits in Middlesbrough but works closely with Redcar & Cleveland. The 16 practices work as independent businesses, and as such sign up to individual telephony systems, work was being undertaken to understand the potential impact of this.
- A Member sought clarification around the actual number for the increased workforce.
- A Member welcomed a future presentation on how Primary Care networks are established, their remit and to whom they are responsible.
- A Member noted the overall satisfaction rate and hoped that the true figure would be much higher and that there was frustration felt by residents in securing an appointment. The Member welcomed regular updates from Health to remain sighted on trends.
- A Member noted that the response to the patient survey was not necessarily a true representation of residents feeling.
- A Member noted the time to get an appointment can sometimes be up to two weeks, this may have an effect on the number of patients non-attendance.
- A Member suggested a negative relationship between GP's and Pharmacists may result in a blame culture and subsequently increases patient frustration.
- A Member suggested the report was in a way patient blaming in the way it was presented. The Director assured Members that the report was in no way an attempt to apportion blame to patients, There was awareness that telephony was an issue, and that Officers work hard with practices to improve services. Ways of working and performance measures are guided by national agreements however, work was undertaken with local practices, staff and patients to improve access and increase awareness of available support and to remind patients that they don't need to rely solely on GP services.

:-NOTED.

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21. **PUBLIC HEALTH UPDATE**

The Director for Public Health gave an update on the service area, points to note were:

- Dementia Friendly - A new contract was awarded across South Tees to Dementia Action Teesside with the aim to consider dementia as a disease, to increase knowledge and reduce the impact of the disability. Prior to the pandemic over one hundred businesses signed up, these were in the process of being audited. A network meets monthly and works to understand issues presenting in the community, for example access to reduced council tax. Over the last three years 2,900 dementia friends were recruited to improve lives of people living with dementia.
- Sexual Health services – Now provided by HCRG care group (Previously Virgin Care). The new contract aimed to shift more of the service online, following positive experiences throughout lockdown. There are some staffing pressures within the service with a lack of experienced professionals. Public Health are working on a quality assurance plan looking, among other things, at a long term contract with Lark, waiting times and syphilis prevention.
- There was a recent outbreak of syphilis locally, information was being audited and the service response will focus on pregnant women and men who have sex with men, with a view to increasing knowledge of treatment along with improved reporting.
- Vaccination plans for those most at risk of Monkey Pox are in place. The North East is however one of the last areas on the national plan due to the low numbers.
- The Covid booster programme has launched, with priority in Redcar & Cleveland given to care home residents and staff. Weekly pop ups were also planned.

As part of the ensuing discussions, the following comments were made:-

- A Member asked whether the intention is for flu and covid boosters to be undertaken at the same time?
- The Director for Public Health agreed to seek further information and share an update when available.
- A Member asked whether consideration was given to increasing knowledge of infectious diseases more widely, rather than a focused on those most at risk?
- The Director for Public Health confirmed communication remains targeted at this time.
- Member welcomed further information on the Dementia Friendly initiative.
- The Director for Public Health agreed to share further information with Members.

:-NOTED.

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22. **PERFORMANCE UPDATE**

The Executive Director for Adults & Communities shared a presentation around quarter 1 performance. Points to note are:

- An action update against the Corporate Plan was shared
- The Teeswide Safeguarding Adult's Board have reviewed safeguarding procedures.
- In terms of Communities and Health the Warm Homes Grant was maximised to offer over two million pounds of support to 195 homes.
- There continues to be a suspension of new checks at the Port. Assurance was given that there was no likely increased risk should the freeport be progressed.
- The South Tees Wellbeing Network (STWN) have launched a website with over 4.4 thousand visitors in quarter 1.

As part of the ensuing discussions, the following comments were made:-

- A Member noted the risks and issues in terms of staffing, particularly in domiciliary care, and felt there was a fundamental deficiency in the system.
- The Executive Director for Adults & Communities advised that due to the shortage of domiciliary care staff, more people are going into residential care than we would like. Work also continues with commissioning and partner agencies. Included in this is the reviewing of current care packages to ensure they remain appropriate.
- Members advised they found the spotlight areas of the performance report helpful to focus on areas and given additional clarity.
- A Member shared concern over the water quality at Saltburn and invited a review of the request for a meeting with Northumbria water to establish work to improve infrastructure and to have an understanding from the environment agency around testing outside the blue flag area.
- A Member queried figures detailed in the Culture and Tourism element of the report. The Director for Public Health agreed to establish the source of the figures and share with the Member.

23. **ADULT SOCIAL CARE REFORMS**

The Executive Director for Adults & Communities gave an update on the Adult Social care reforms and agreed updates will be presented to scrutiny on a regular basis. Points to notes include:

- Impact on the service of the implementation of the Health and Care Act and Fair Cost of Care and Market Sustainability Guidance
- Local Authority Care Quality Commission assurance visits are to

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recommence in April 2023.

- Funding reforms, although beneficial for self-funding care home residents, will increase staffing pressure on the Local Authority
- Details of any additional funding available to local authorities is not yet confirmed.

As part of the ensuing discussions, the following comments were made:-

- The Executive Director for Adults & Communities confirmed they will continue to share regular updates with Members.
- A Member shared concern around the increasing demands on care homes the increase pressure on the Local Authority should homes have no option but to close.
- The Executive Director for Adults & Communities advised that the worries are national.
- A Member gave thanks for the transparency of the strengths and also challenges faced.

:-NOTED

24. **ACTION UPDATE**

The Governance Manager presented an update on the progress made against outstanding actions from previous meetings of the Adults & Communities Scrutiny and Improvement Committee.

:- NOTED

25. **ANY ITEMS THE CHAIR CERTIFIES AS URGENT**

The Chair extended thanks to Cllr Watts for standing in to support as Vice Chair for the meeting.

Adults, Wellbeing & Health Scrutiny Committee

ATTENDANCE RECORD - 2022/23

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Holyoake	Shelagh	✓	RA	✓							
Pallister	Lynn	✓	✓	RA							
Cawley	Ceri	✓	✓	RA							
Dowson	Deborah	✓	✓	Apols							
King	Karen	Apols 2	Apols	Apols							
Wilson	Margaret	Apols 1	✓	✓							
Thomson	Phillp	✓	✓	✓							
Gray	Tim	X	Apols	✓							
Wells	Billy	Apols 2	✓	✓							
Lockwood	Mike	X	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	
Brook	Adam	X	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	
Watts	Anne	✓	✓	✓							
Turner	Andrea	✓	✓	X							
Smith	Sandra	n/a	Apols	✓							
Davies	Wayne	n/a	Apols	X							

Substitutes

Brook	Adam			✓							
Richardson	Carrie			✓							

Key

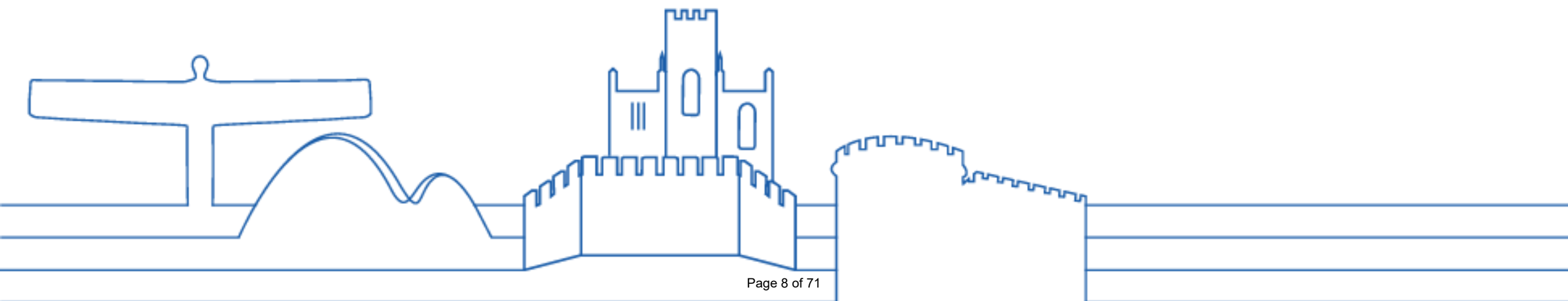
✓	Attended
RA	Apologies Submitted (replacement attended)
Apols	Apologies Submitted (no replacement)
X	Did Not Attend (no apologies received)
C	Cancelled Meeting
n/a	Not a Member

Reason for Absence (NB Full details may not be provided for reasons of confidentiality)

1	Personal Commitment
2	Work Commitment
3	Illness/Medical
4	Conflicting Council Commitment
5	Other
6	Civic Duties

Primary Care Networks

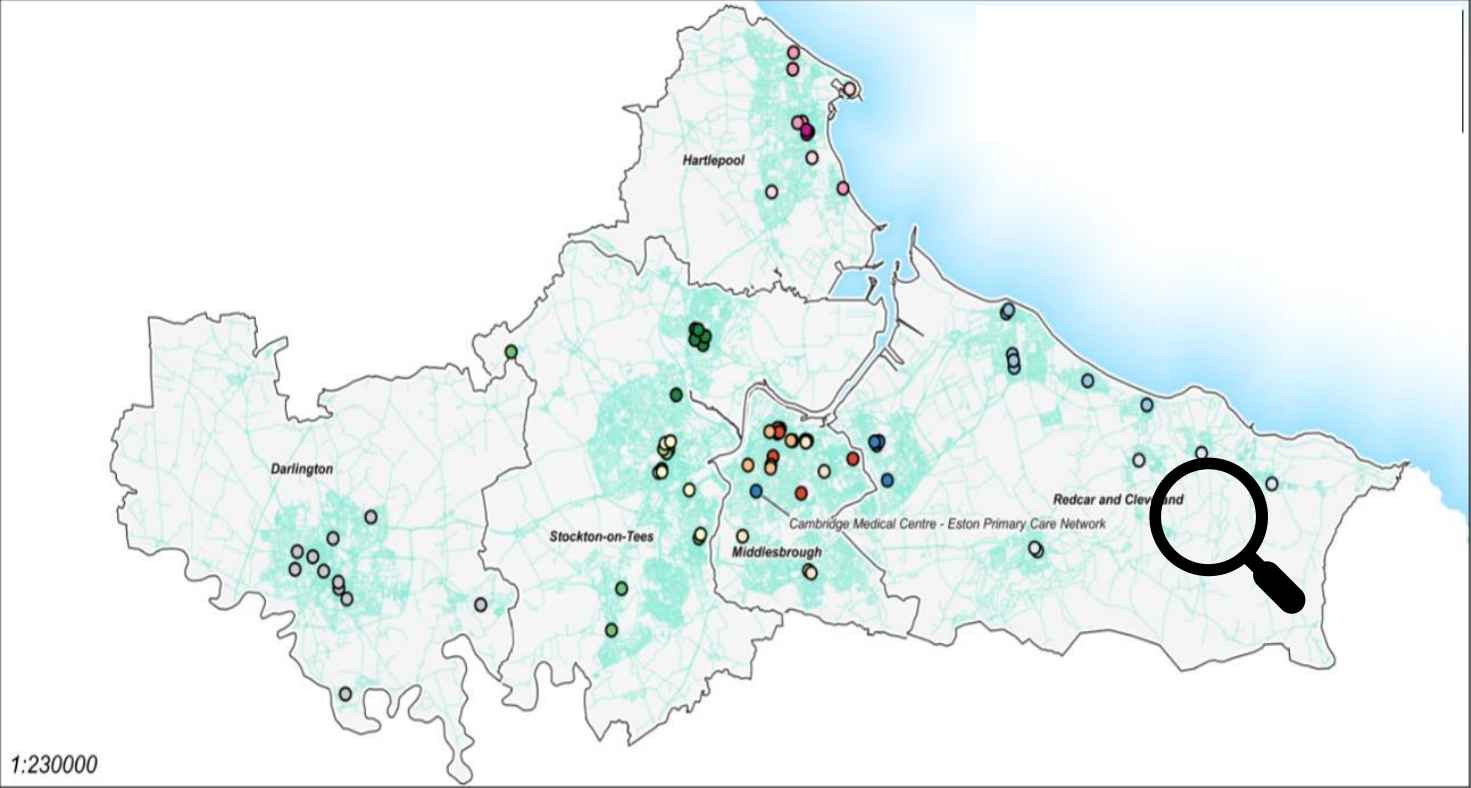
Contractual update and key progress



Overview- Primary Care Networks



North East and North Cumbria



Darlington	Hartlepool	Redcar & Cleveland	Middlesbrough	Stockton
Darlington	One Life Hartlepool	Eston Primary Care Network	Central Middlesbrough	Stockton Primary Care Network
Hartlepool Health	The East Cleveland Group	Holgate Primary Care Network	Billingham and Norton Primary Care Network	Bytes
Hartlepool Network	Redcar Coastal	Greater Middlesbrough Primary Care Network	North Stockton Network	

Redcar Coastal- 55,075

Dr Ali Tahmassebi

- Bentley Medical Practice
- Zetland Medical Practice
- Huntcliff Surgery
- Ravenscar Surgery
- The Greenhouse Surgery
- The Saltscar Surgery
- Coatham Surgery

East Cleveland Group- 42,285



Dr Teik Goh

- Brotton Surgery
- Garth Surgery
- Hillside Practice
- Springwood Surgery
- Woodside Surgery

Eston PCN- 47,044



Dr Ifti Lone

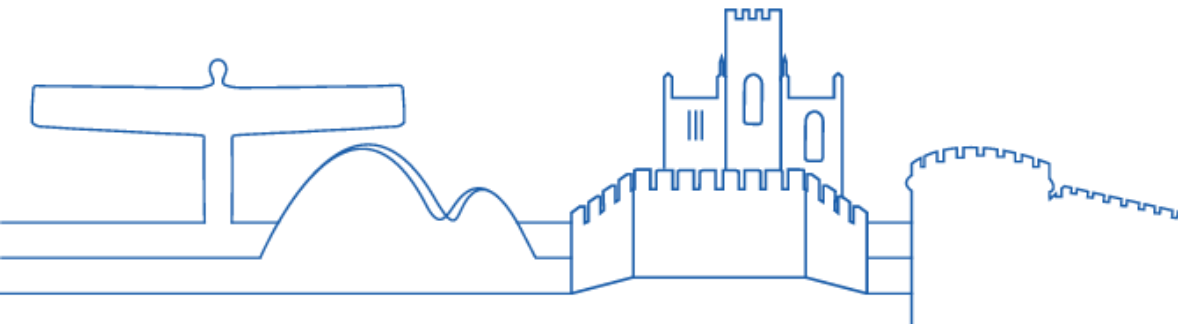
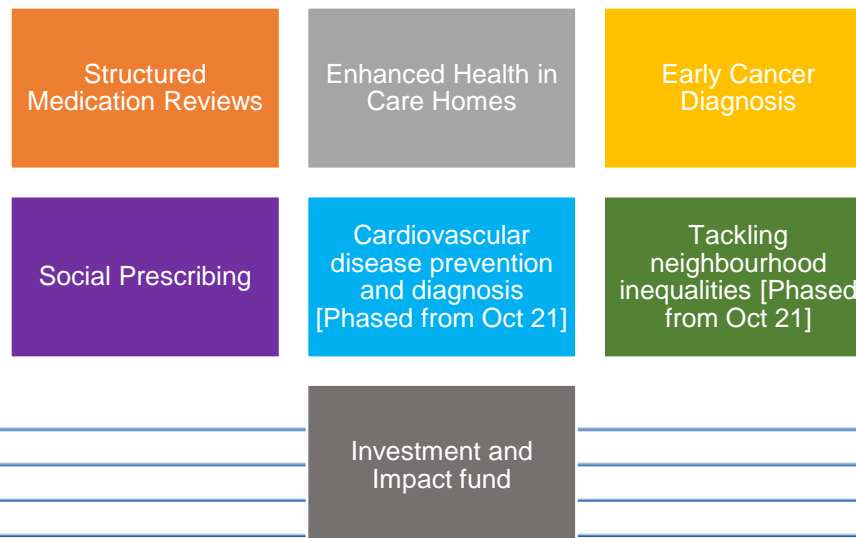
- South Grange Medical Centre
- Normanby Medical Centre
- Manor House Surgery
- Eston Surgery
- Cambridge Medical Centre

PCNs- What they are and their contractual requirements

- PCNs are groups of practices working together, along with other healthcare staff and organisations - providing integrated services to the local population
- PCNs have a number of 'core deliverables' set nationally through the GP contract
 - Some of these are existing requirements, implemented in previous contractual years, and some were newly introduced from 1 October 2021, on a phased approach
- Responding to current pressures in general practice, and recovery from COVID-19 several additional specifications expected of PCNs were delayed until April 2022
 - NHSE/I advised on 1 March 2022 that there would be a limited expansion of the Cardiovascular Disease Prevention and Diagnosis service for PCNs during 2022/23, with Personalised Care services also to be introduced in a phased approach from April 2022

The PCN has benefited from a strong lead practice arrangement from Hillside Practice in particular, which has played a key role in the recruitment and management of PCN staff

East Cleveland Group PCN



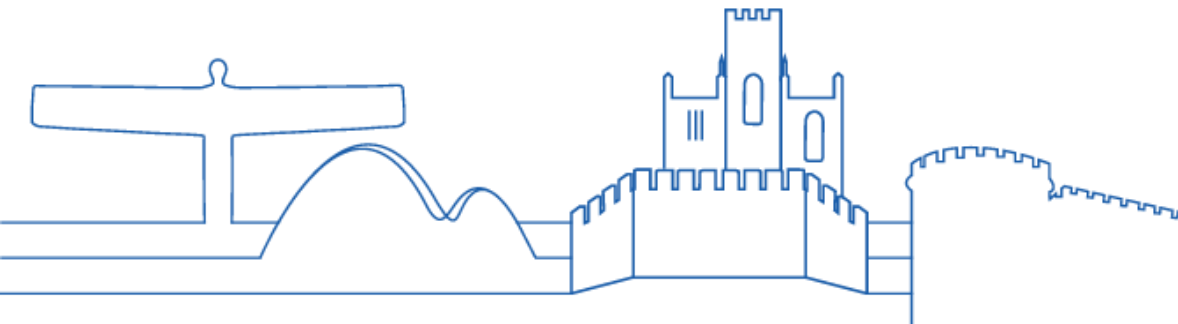
PCN contractual requirements- new for 22/23

- The 2022/23 requirements began from 1st April 2022 and those deliverables that were paused due to the covid-19 pandemic will recommence, in line with NHS England's national directive
 - *These are in addition to those required in 21/22*

Enhanced Access

*[Planning April- July,
implementation 1st oct]*

Personalised
Care



Spotlight on Enhanced Access

Service requirements

- Access weeknights and Saturdays

Planning timeline

- Plans Jul/Aug
- Service commenced 1st Oct 2022

Support to PCNs

- Collaborative approach
- Interpretating national requirements

Next steps

- Mobilisation
- Communication



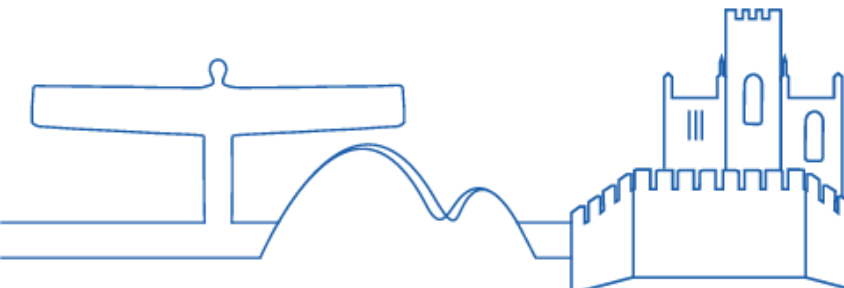
Primary Care Network	Required hours [per week] [60m/1000 adj. pop]	Provider	Location[s]	Opening times
Redcar	61hr 15 min	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ELM Alliance [GP Federation] 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Ravenscar Surgery, Redcar Primary Care Hospital, West Dyke Road, Redcar, TS10 4NW 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Monday – Friday - 18:30-20:00 Saturday - 09:00-17:00
East Cleveland Group	45hr and 15 min	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ELM Alliance [GP Federation] 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Garth Surgery, Rectory Lane, Guisborough, TS14 7DJ 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tuesday - 18:30-20:00 Thursday - 18:30-20:00 Saturday - 09:00-17:00
			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Brotton Surgery, East Cleveland Hospital, High Street, Saltburn by the Sea, TS12 2FF 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Monday - 18:30-20:00 Wednesday - 18:30-20:00 Friday - 18:30-20:00
Eston	55hr and 30 min	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> PCN delivery 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> South Grange Medical Centre, Trunk Road, Middlesbrough, TS6 9QG 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Monday – Friday -18:30-20:00
			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Normanby Medical Centre, Low Grange health Village, Normanby Road, Middlesbrough, TS6 6TD 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Monday – Friday -18:30-20:00 Saturday - 09:00-17:00 (<i>GP rota at different PCN site each week</i>)
			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Manor House Surgery, Braidwood Road, Middlesbrough, TS6 0HA 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tuesday - 18:30-20:00 Saturday - 09:00-11:45
			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cambridge Medical Group, 10A Cambridge Road, Middlesbrough, TS5 5NN 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tuesday - 18:30-20:00
			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Eston Surgery, Low Grange Health Village, Normanby Road, Middlesbrough, TS6 6TD 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wednesday - 18:30-20:00 Thursday – 18:30-20:00

Workforce

- PCNs receive funding [Additional Role Reimbursement [ARRS] to bring in a new workforce to support primary care to ensure a multi-disciplinary approach
- Staff funded through ARRS must be to support the DES requirements and in addition to current practice workforce
- PCNs have employed 178.39 WTE as at Sept 22 across Tees Valley [32.95 WTE Redcar and East Cleveland]

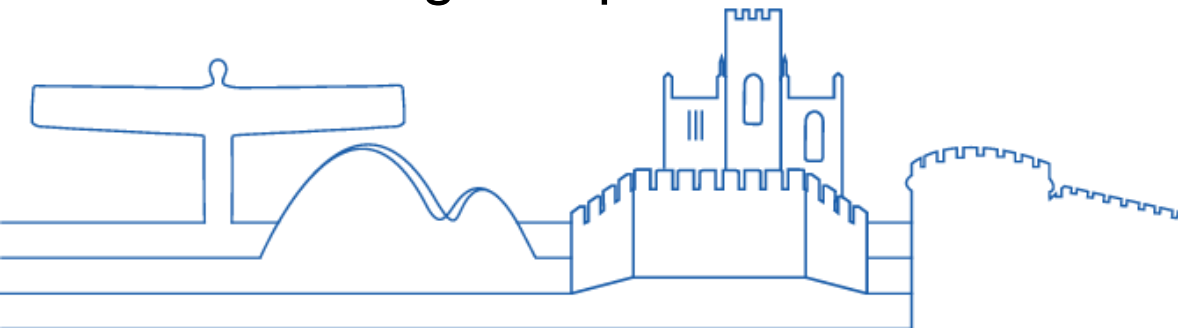
Roles Available under ARRS

Clinical Pharmacists	Pharmacy Technicians
Social Prescribing Link Workers	Health and Well Being Coaches
Care Coordinators	First Contact Physiotherapists
Podiatrists	Occupational Therapists
Mental Health Practitioners [Adult or Children's]	Paramedics
Nurse Associate	Trainee Nurse Associate
Advanced practitioner- 2 per PCN	Dieticians
GP Assistant- from 1/10/22	Digital and Transformation Lead- from 1/10/22



Support to Primary Care Networks

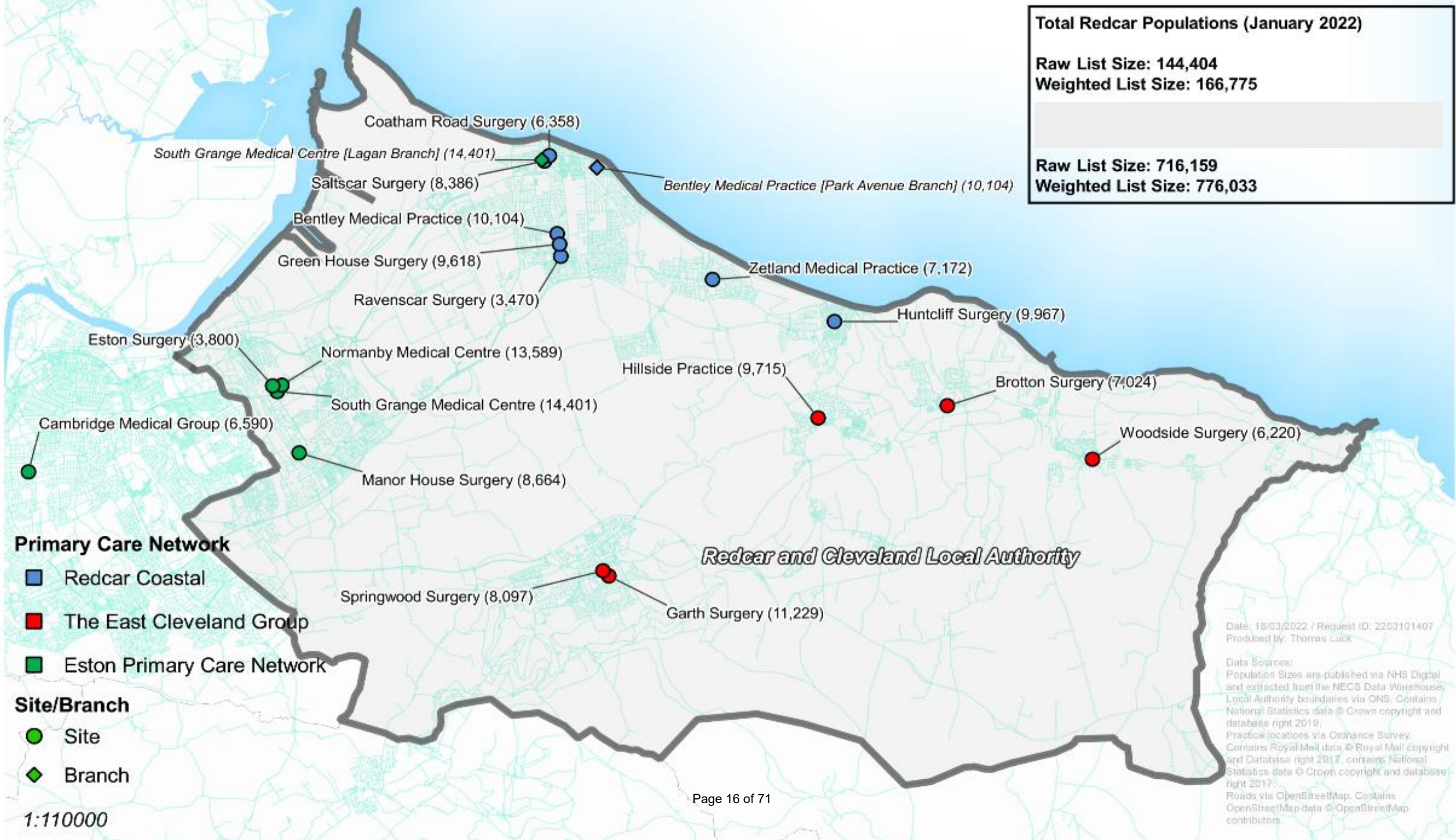
- Important that the ICB team provide support to the developing PCNs this ranges from
 - Advice and Guidance on PCN business, liaising with system partners and regional/national colleagues
 - Developing a monthly update report
 - Providing information to support PCN practices i.e. list sizes, maps, and intelligence
 - Supporting and leading local forums ensuring connectivity to system partners
 - Updating and maintaining a PCN information portal
 - Support access to any non- recurrent PCN funding
 - Supporting reporting arrangements
 - Working with partners to reduce the demands on PCN Clinical Directors



Total Redcar Populations (January 2022)

Raw List Size: 144,404
Weighted List Size: 166,775

Raw List Size: 716,159
Weighted List Size: 776,033



Primary Care Network

- Redcar Coastal
- The East Cleveland Group
- Eston Primary Care Network

Site/Branch

- Site
- ◆ Branch

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Stakeholder Briefing

September 2022

Integrated Urgent Care in Middlesbrough and Redcar & Cleveland

A new model of urgent care delivery is being proposed for the populations of Middlesbrough and Redcar & Cleveland which would see the opening of a new Integrated Urgent Treatment Centre (UTC) at The James Cook University Hospital, and increased opening hours at Redcar Primary Care Hospital, providing 24/7 access to urgent care for all residents of South Tees and the wider Tees Valley.

Integrated Urgent Care (IUC) is currently in place across the other boroughs within the Tees Valley, with UTCs at Darlington Memorial Hospital, the University Hospital of North Tees, the University Hospital of Hartlepool and Redcar Primary Care Hospital. The Redcar UTC is currently open from 8am to 9.30pm and under the new proposals this would see access increased to 24/7 opening, 365 days a year.

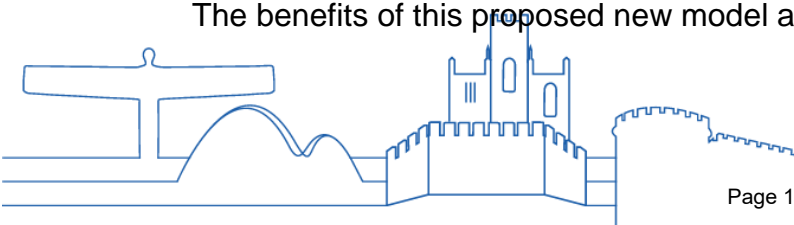
The new model will include home visiting, GP Out of Hours, and management of minor injuries and illness, with 24/7 access across all sites. The aim is to provide the right care at the right place, first time, minimising disruption and frustration for patients and improving efficiency and quality of outcomes whilst reducing the time to access Urgent Care services.

Proposals will see a standardised offer, so that wherever a patient lives in Tees Valley, they will have the same access to the same high standard of urgent care around the clock, accessible via NHS111. The proposals would also see the relocation of the GP Out of Hours service from North Ormesby Health Village to The James Cook University Hospital site.

In order to progress plans, the North East and North Cumbria Integrated Care Board (NENC ICB) is carrying out an **11-week period of engagement with patients/carers and stakeholders in Tees Valley, which will run until Sunday 16 October 2022.**

Co-locating GP Out of Hours services as part of an integrated urgent and emergency care service, has been shown to support the delivery of safe and effective care as well as significantly improving patient experience. The integration of primary and secondary care services on acute hospital sites can help to reduce emergency attendances and demand on the system for urgent care services.

The benefits of this proposed new model are:



- Provide consistently high quality and safe care 24/7, 365 days a year
- Provide the right care, at the right time, in the right place by those with the right skills
- Deliver care closer to home where appropriate and safe to do so
- Ensure services are joined up, seamless and co-ordinated with no loss of current services
- Avoid confusion for patients on what to do, who to call and where to go
- Provide services which are safe, responsive and high quality with better continuity of care
- Direct patients to NHS 111 as the initial point of access for advice and triage
- Increase awareness of early detection of illness and options for self-care

Have your say

The NENC ICB is keen to understand what patients, carers and stakeholders think about the current model of care, what works well, what doesn't and what they need to consider with the proposed model.

Complete a survey:

Patients living in Tees Valley are invited to share their feedback by completing a survey before midnight on Sunday 16 October 2022:

<https://necs.onlinesurveys.ac.uk/iuc>

The survey is being promoted across local print and digital media and through social media, and via posters. Paper copies of the survey and freepost reply envelopes are also available at all Middlesbrough GP practices. Written submissions of feedback can be emailed to necsu.comms@nhs.net.

This engagement activity will help to inform the development of proposals to ensure services are developed to best meet the needs of the local population. A full engagement report will be produced at the end of the engagement activity, and this will be used to inform and support next steps.

Seeking the views of the wider community:

In addition to the survey, the NENC ICB will commission voluntary sector partners to conduct facilitated feedback sessions with people from groups with protected characteristics to help us consider the likely impact of any potential changes on local people.

Further information:

Please visit our web page for more information <https://nenc-teesvalley.icb.nhs.uk/iuc>

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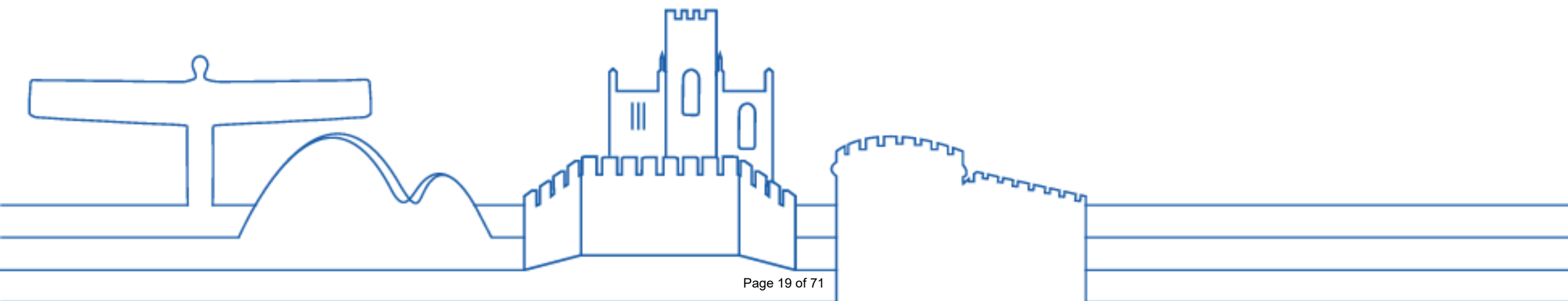
For details of public engagement events and how to register, please visit <http://iuc.eventbrite.com/>.

For more information, please email necsu.comms@nhs.net.



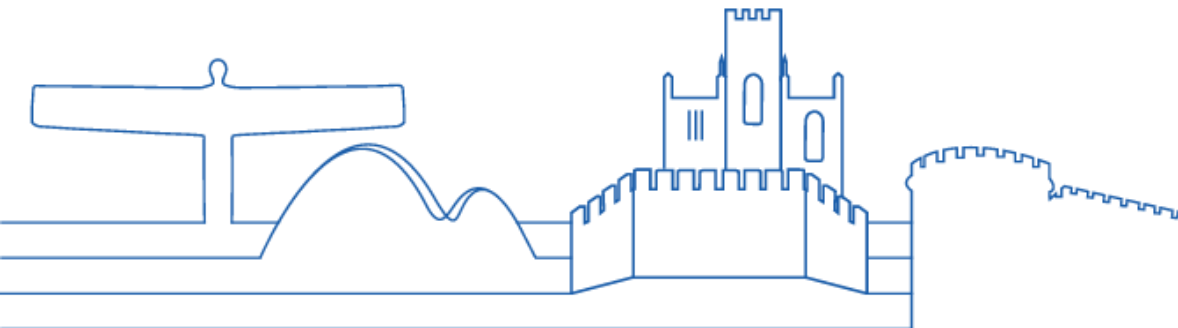
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South Tees Integrated Urgent Care Engagement Event



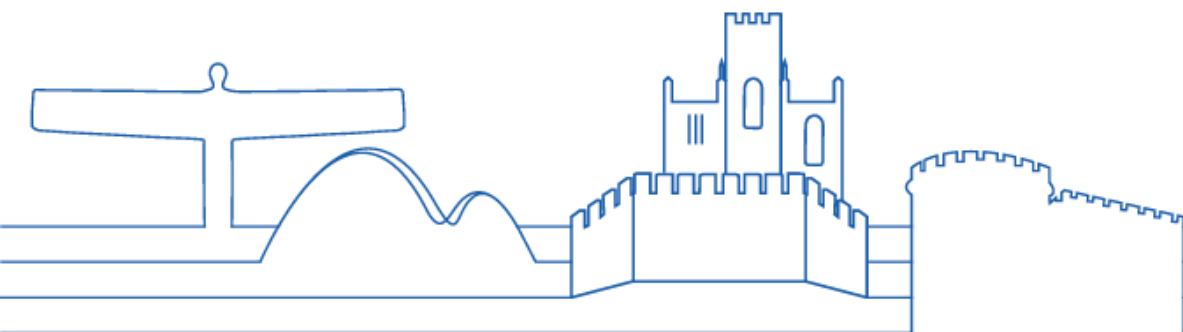
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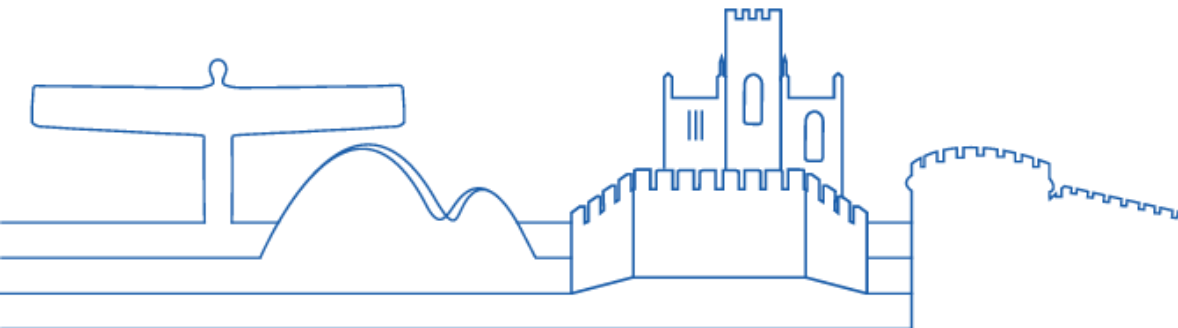
- The session will keep to time
- All views are welcome
- Please respect others' opinions and be respectful
- Please don't talk over other people
- A roving mic is available for the Questions & Answers
- Questions can be asked confidentially via staff
- Slides can be requested after the event (via staff)
- All questions and comments will be noted anonymously



Welcome

Today's event will include:

- Introduction and welcome
- Presentation on the engagement
- Table discussions
- Questions and answers
- Next steps

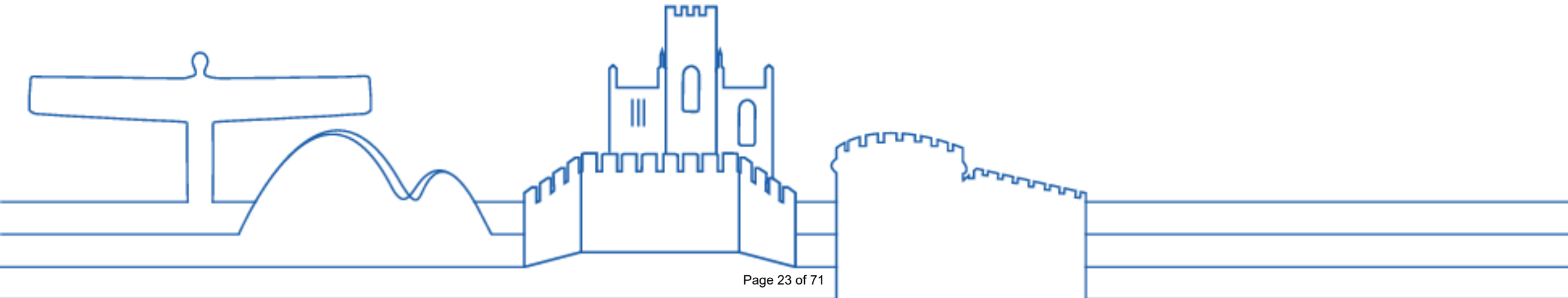


The purpose of today's session

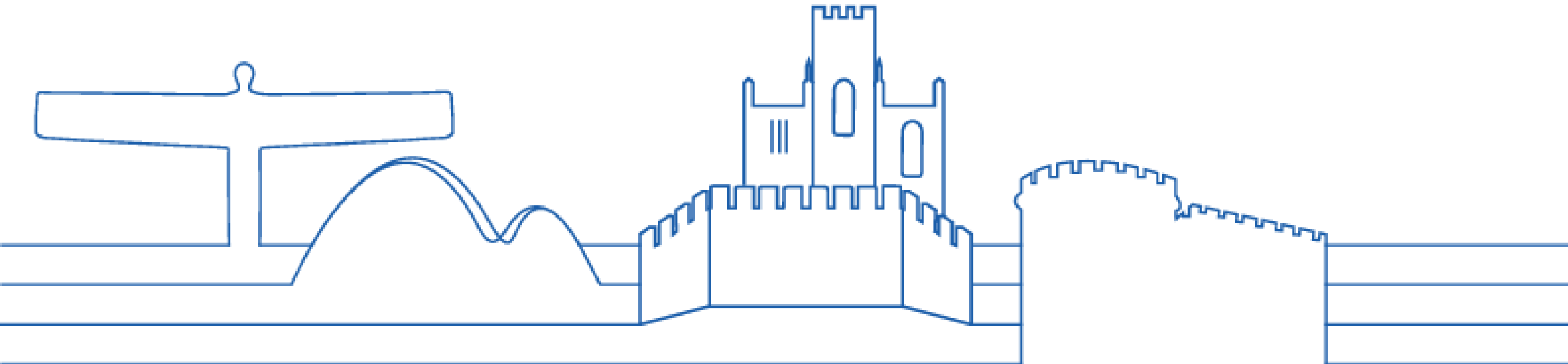


**North East and
North Cumbria**

This is the opportunity for you to have your say about the proposed new model of integrated urgent care service in Middlesbrough and Redcar & Cleveland



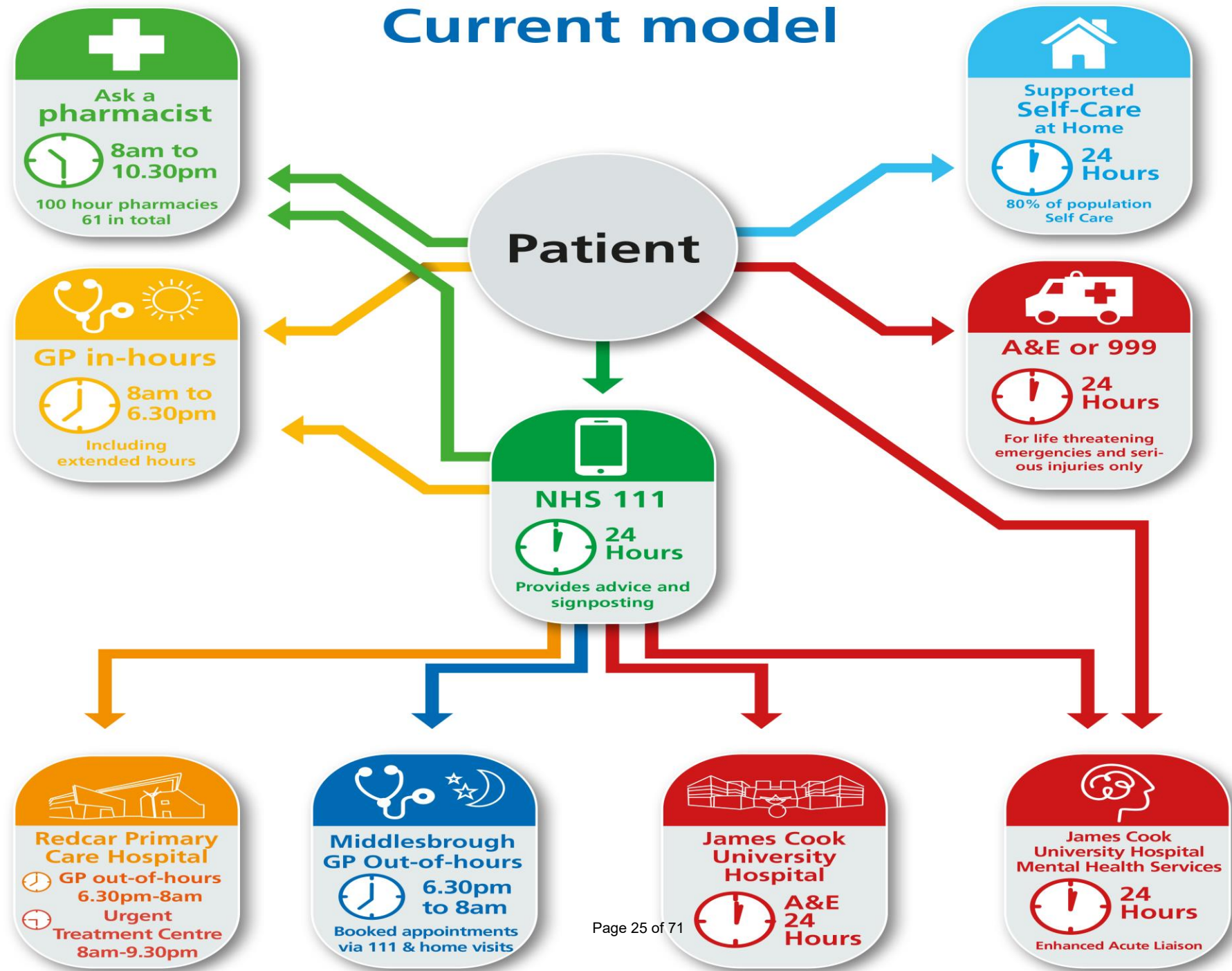
What is the current urgent care model?



Current model

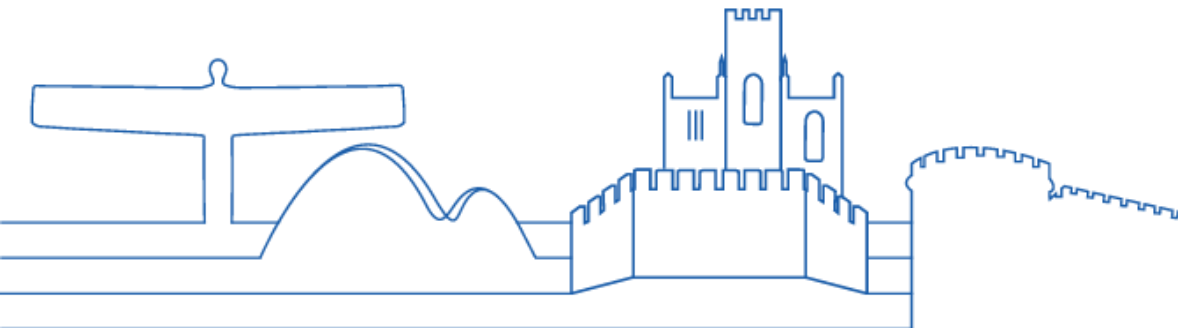


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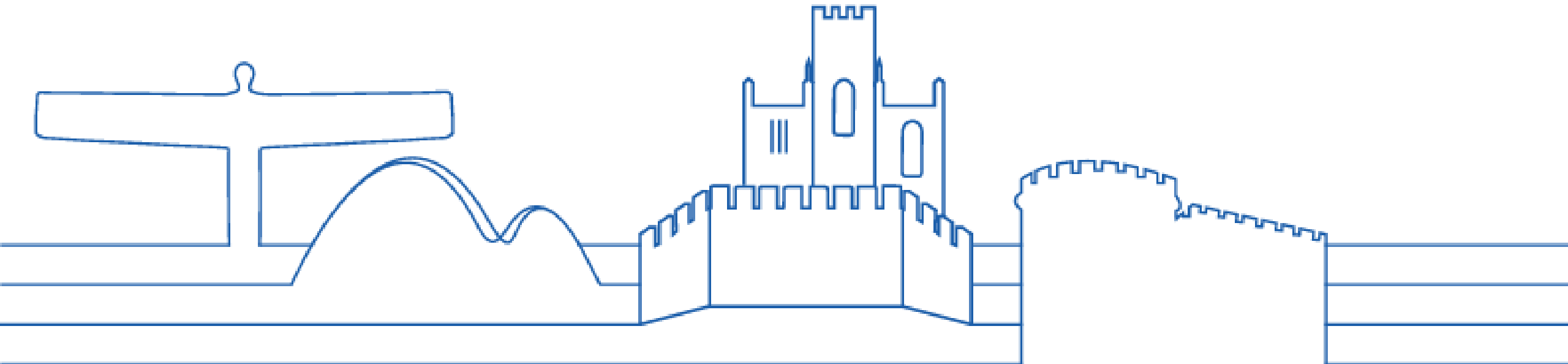


Why we need to change

- More people are accessing health services than in the past
- Patients are unsure where to go for urgent care services
- The services in Stockton, Hartlepool and Darlington are different to those in Middlesbrough and Redcar & Cleveland
- Dept of Health is encouraging local health providers to implement Integrated Urgent Care

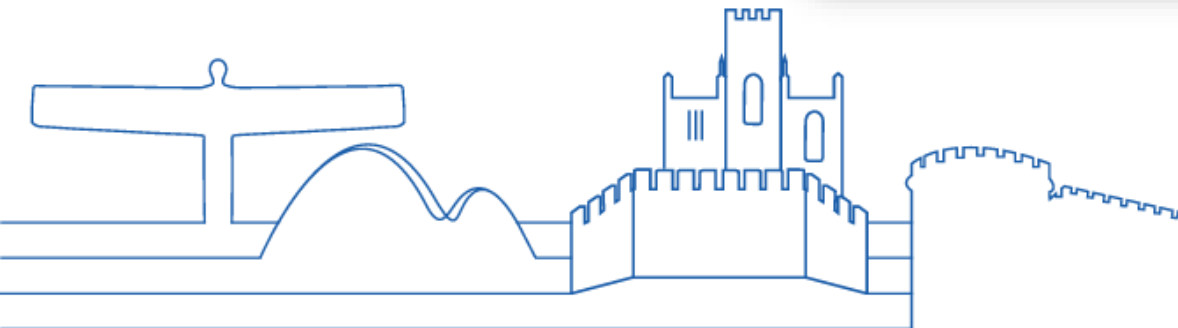
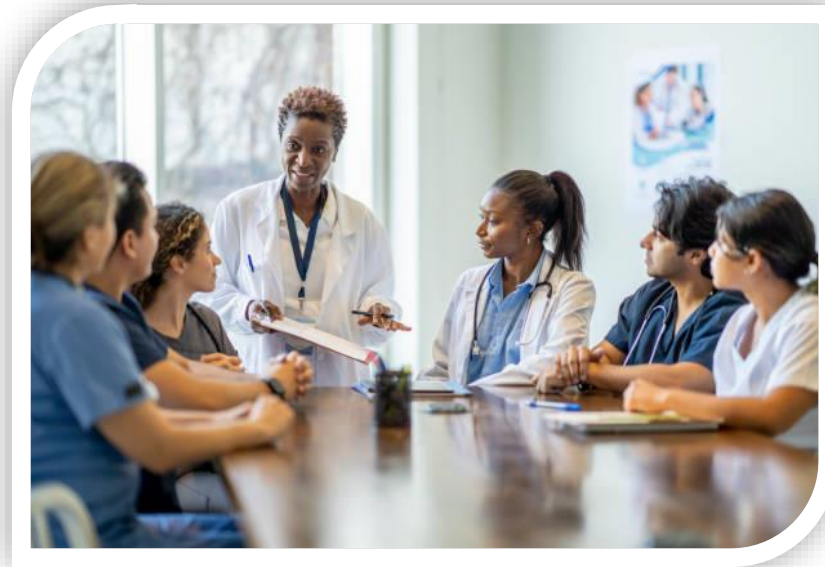


Proposed Integrated Urgent Care Model

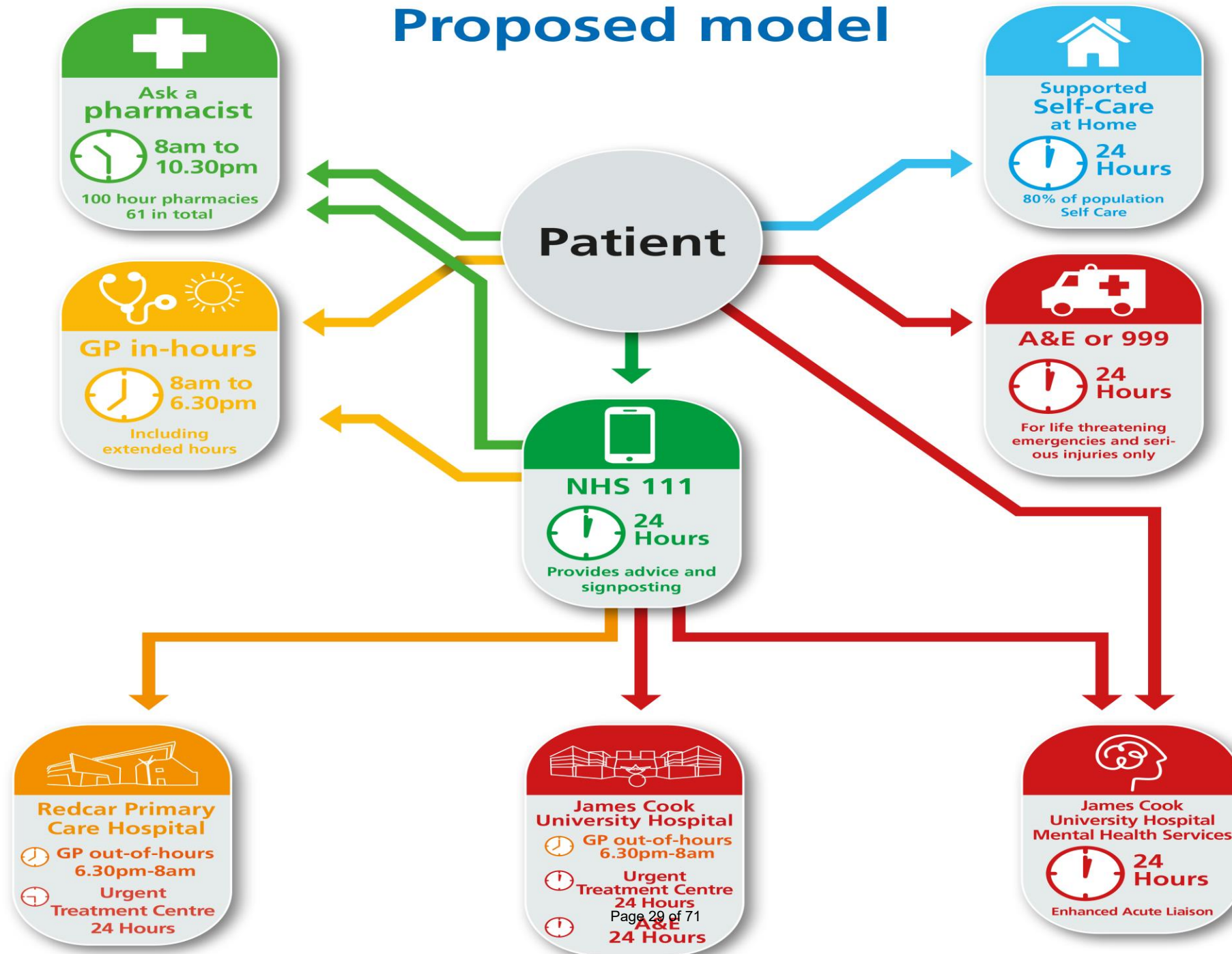


Who developed the proposal?

Groups of local Drs and Nurses who deliver Urgent Care services have worked together to develop the proposal

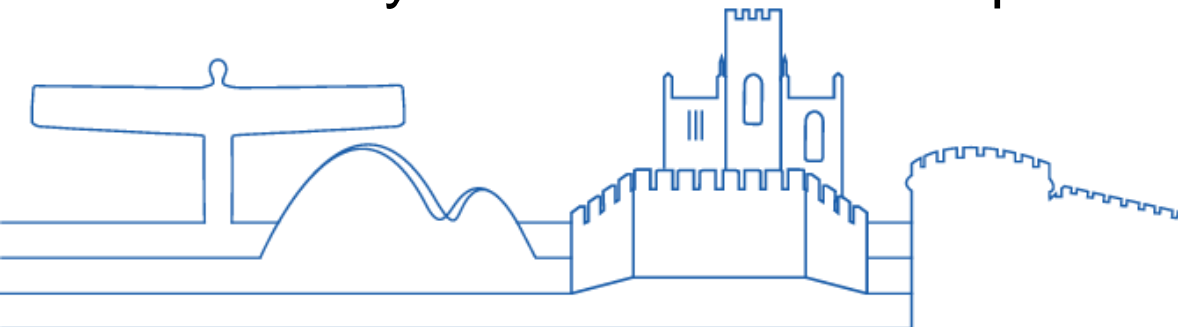


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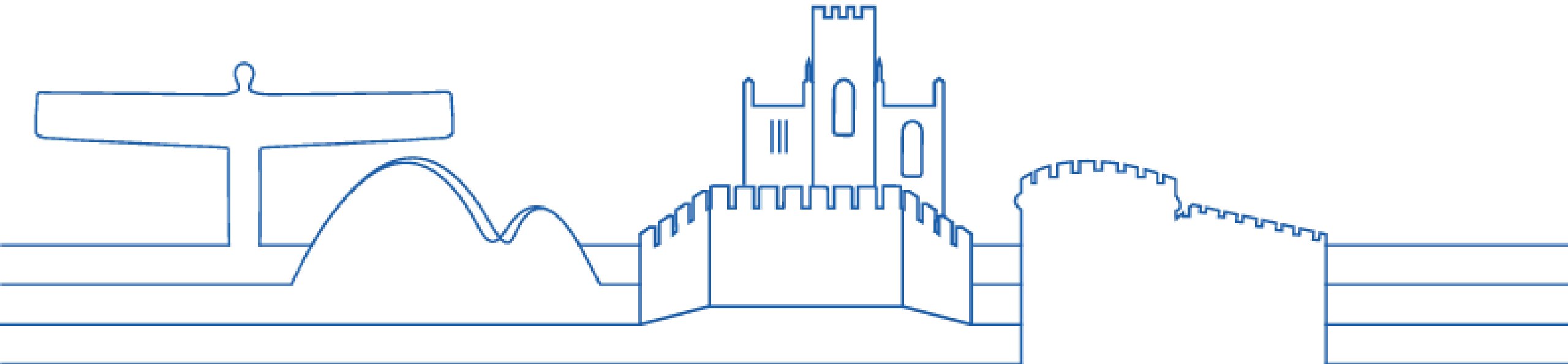


What will it mean for you and your family?

- You will have access to urgent care services when you need it by calling 111 – 24/7 365 days a year
- 111 will be able to offer you an appointment for your urgent care needs
- You will get the same urgent care services at Redcar Primary Care Hospital and James Cook Hospital 24/7 365 days a year
- A GP out of hours appointment in Middlesbrough will move from North Ormesby to James Cook Hospital



What are the benefits



There will be an Urgent Care facility in Middlesbrough and Redcar, including GP Out of Hours

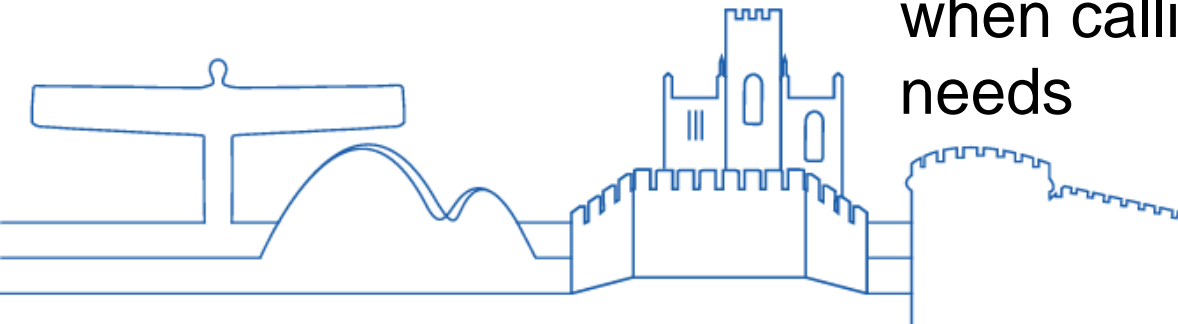


Dial 111 from a landline or mobile



Contact NHS 111 Online or use the NHS app

Appointments will be available when calling 111 for urgent care needs



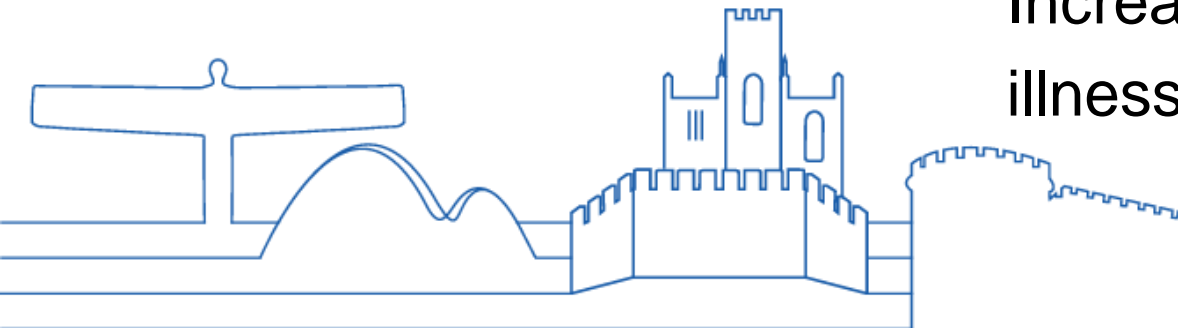
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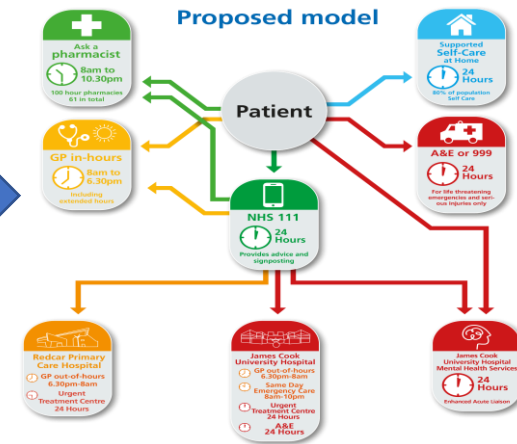
Patients will only tell their story once!



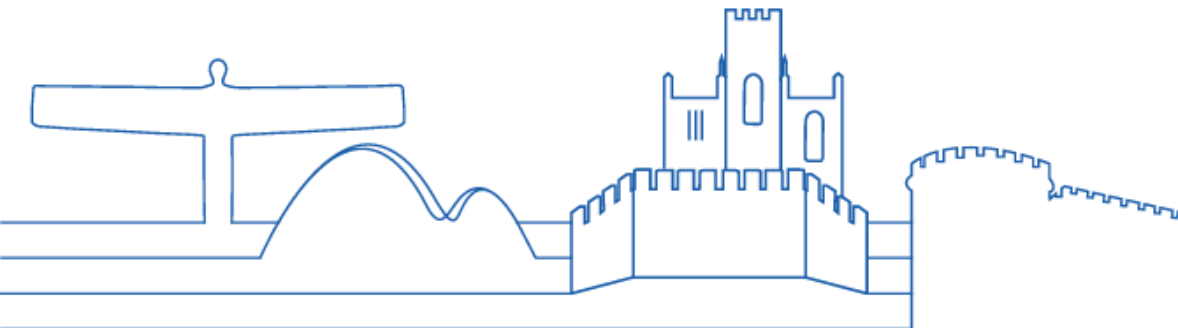
Increase awareness of early detection of illness



It will be clear how to access urgent care services



Services will be joined up, seamless and co-ordinated



Communications Activities



North East and North Cumbria

Gazette advert

Have your say...

...on urgent care proposals in Middlesbrough and Redcar & Cleveland.

A new Urgent Treatment Centre (UTC) is being proposed at The James Cook University Hospital in Middlesbrough as part of a new set of urgent care proposals.

The UTC at Redcar Primary Care Hospital would also increase its opening hours to be open 24/7, 365 days a year.

The GP out of hours service for Redcar & Cleveland patients would remain at Redcar Primary Care Hospital.

The Middlesbrough GP out of hours service would move to The James Cook University Hospital site.

Have your say at a Public Event in September

Saturday 24 September, 1.30pm-3.30pm The Trinity Centre, Holy Trinity Church, The Market Place, North Ormesby, Middlesbrough, TS3 6LD	Tuesday 27 September, 6.00pm-8.00pm Redcar and Cleveland College, Corporation Rd, Redcar, TS10 1EZ
Monday 26 September, 9.30am-11.30am The Parkway Social Club, Parkway Shopping Centre, Dalby Way, Coulby Newham, Middlesbrough, TS8 0TJ	

To book a place, please visit luc.eventbrite.com or scan the QR Code.

You can also book a place by emailing necs.comms@nhs.net or via 01642 745401.

Have your say by completing a survey

Complete an online survey at necs.onlinesurveys.ac.uk/iuc by 9th October 2022 or request a paper copy on 01642 745401.

Paper copies of the survey and freepost reply envelopes are also available to collect from all Middlesbrough GP practices.

For more information, please visit nec-teesvalley.icb.nhs.uk/iuc

Posters

Have your say...

...on urgent care proposals in Middlesbrough and Redcar & Cleveland.

The North East & North Cumbria Integrated Care Board are holding a series of public events during September 2022 to share with you their thoughts on how they could integrate urgent care services in South Tees. This would bring the area in line with other areas across the Tees Valley.

As part of the proposals, a new Urgent Treatment Centre (UTC) would be provided from The James Cook University Hospital in Middlesbrough as well as moving the Middlesbrough GP out of hours service to The James Cook University Hospital site.

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Attend a Public Event

Find out more about the proposals and share your feedback at one of the following public events:

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The 10-week engagement period runs until Sunday 9 October 2022.

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Facebook advert

NHS Tees Valley
11 August at 11:16

A proposal by the newly established NHS Integrated Care Board (ICB) would see a new Integrated Urgent Care Centre open at James Cook University Hospital, and Redcar's existing centre would extend its opening hours to 24/7 all year round.

To find out more visit- <https://nec-teesvalley.icb.nhs.uk/integrated-urgent.../>

To attend an engagement event <http://iuc.eventbrite.com/>

To take part in our survey, see <https://necs.onlinesurveys.ac.uk/iuc>

337 likes 66 comments 62 shares

Like Comment Share

Adverts also appear on Tees Live website. Organic social media coverage across Facebook and Twitter. Posters displayed across GP practices, James Cook hospital and community venues.

Table Exercise

- 50 Minutes to explore 5 questions and any other questions you may want to ask
- There will be a facilitator and scribe on each table
- Chance to feedback and ask any questions

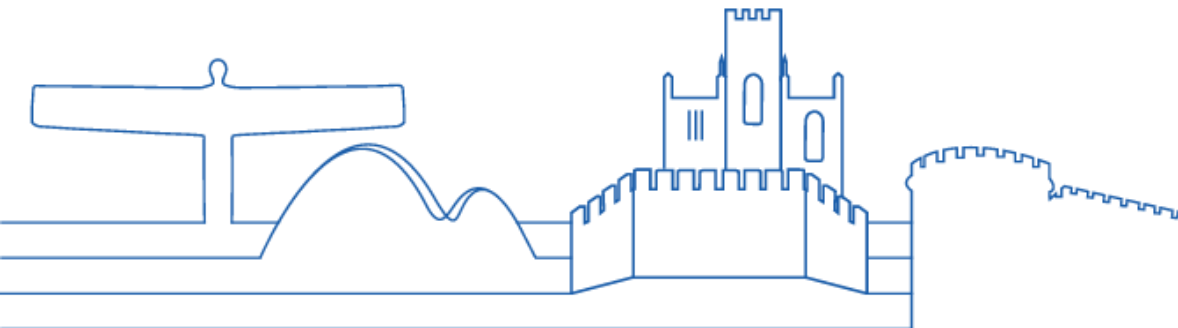


Table Exercise

Q1

Have you accessed urgent treatment out of hours?

Q3

Did you know can book an urgent appointment out of hours via NHS 111?

Q5

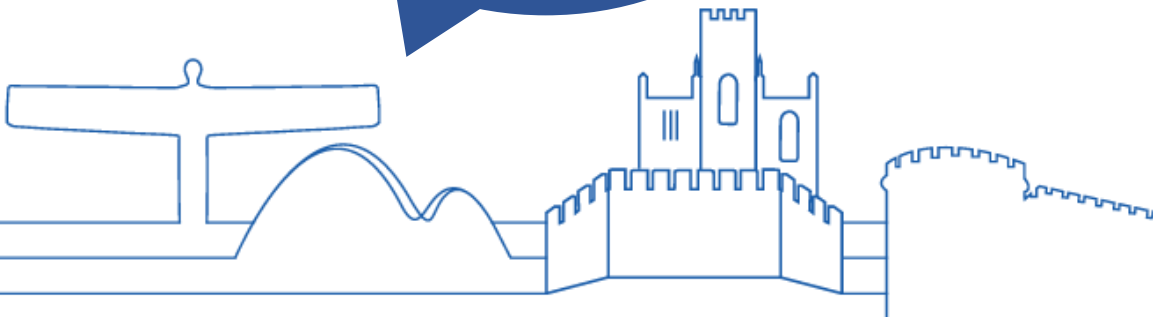
Do you support the proposal to integrate urgent care services in Middlesbrough and extend Redcar to 24/7?

Q2

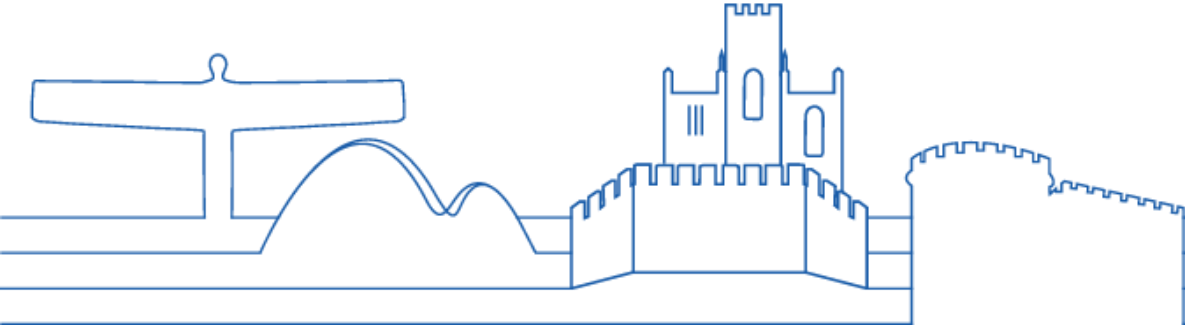
Did you find it easy to access urgent treatment out of hours?

Q4

Would relocating the GP Out of Hours service from North Ormesby to James Cook cause you any problems?

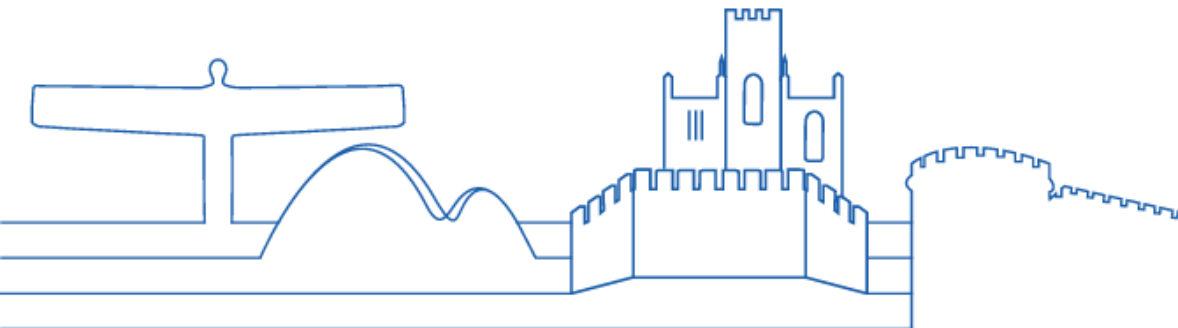


Any Questions?



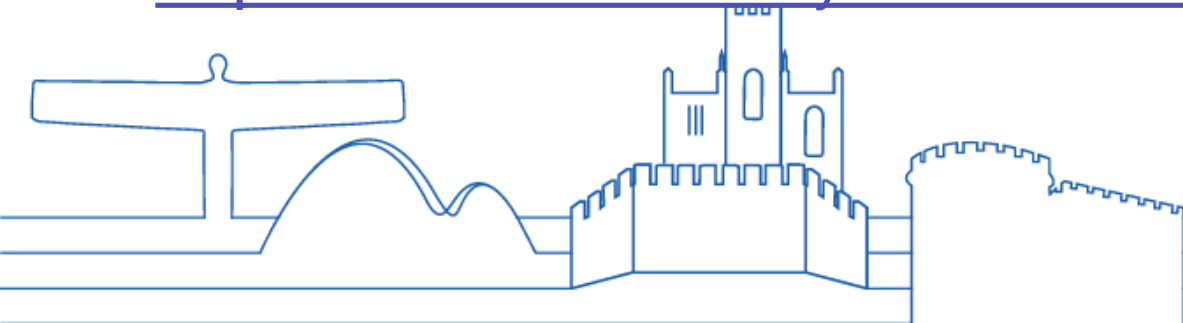
What happens next?

- We will continue conversations with stakeholders during the engagement period
- The feedback will be analysed and a report will be produced which will be made public
- The NHS will then update patients and stakeholders on the recommendations and the outcome of the engagement
- No decision has been made or will be made regarding the proposed new model for Tees Valley prior to further engagement and consultation, if required
- Decisions will be made through governance arrangements and committee structures as defined by the NHS



How you can get involved

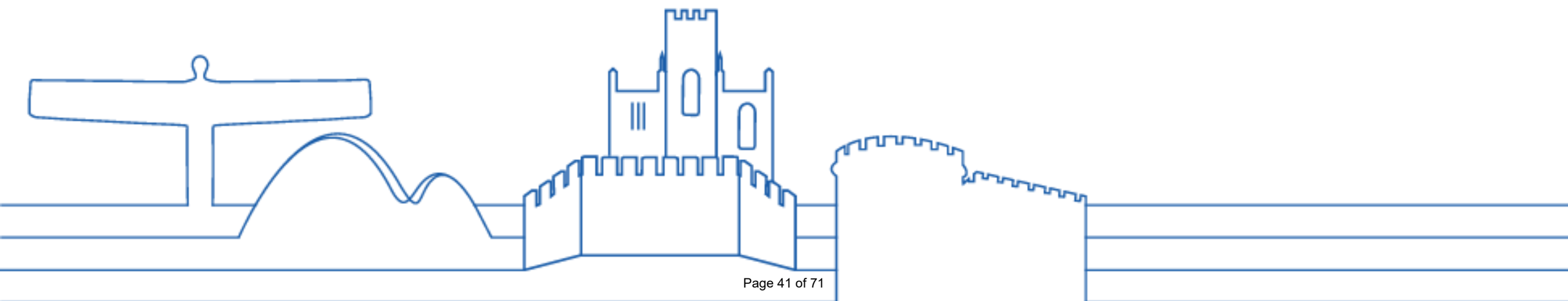
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Thank you





Making Every Contact Count Update

Jill Calvert

Health Improvement Team Manager

Communities and Health



Making Every Contact Count Update

Aims:

- Brief overview of Making Every Contact Count (MECC)
- What it is?
- Context
- Local action



What is Making Every Contact Count?





What is Making Every Contact Count?

Making Every Contact Count (MECC) is an approach to behaviour change that utilises the millions of day-to-day interactions organisations and individuals have with other people to support them in making positive changes to their physical and mental health and wellbeing. MECC enables the opportunistic delivery of consistent and concise health and wellbeing information and enables individuals to engage in conversations about their health and wellbeing at scale across organisations and populations.

Policy and Context



Public Health England **NHS**

Making Every Contact Count (MECC): Consensus statement

Produced by Public Health England, NHS England and Health Education England, with the support of partner organisations identified below
April 2016

NHS Employers NICE National Institute for Health and Care Excellence

Local Government Association NICO Royal College of Nursing, Health Education England Care Quality Commission RSPH Royal Society for Public Health

HM Government

HEALTHY WEIGHT, HEALTHY LIVES: A CROSS-GOVERNMENT STRATEGY FOR ENGLAND

Office for Health Improvement & Disparities

Fair Society, Healthy Lives

The Marmot Review

Health Inequalities Review of Health Inequalities in England 2010

NHS

The NHS Long Term Plan

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NHS

FIVE YEAR FORWARD VIEW

October 2014

BUILD BACK FAIRER: THE COVID-19 MARMOT REVIEW

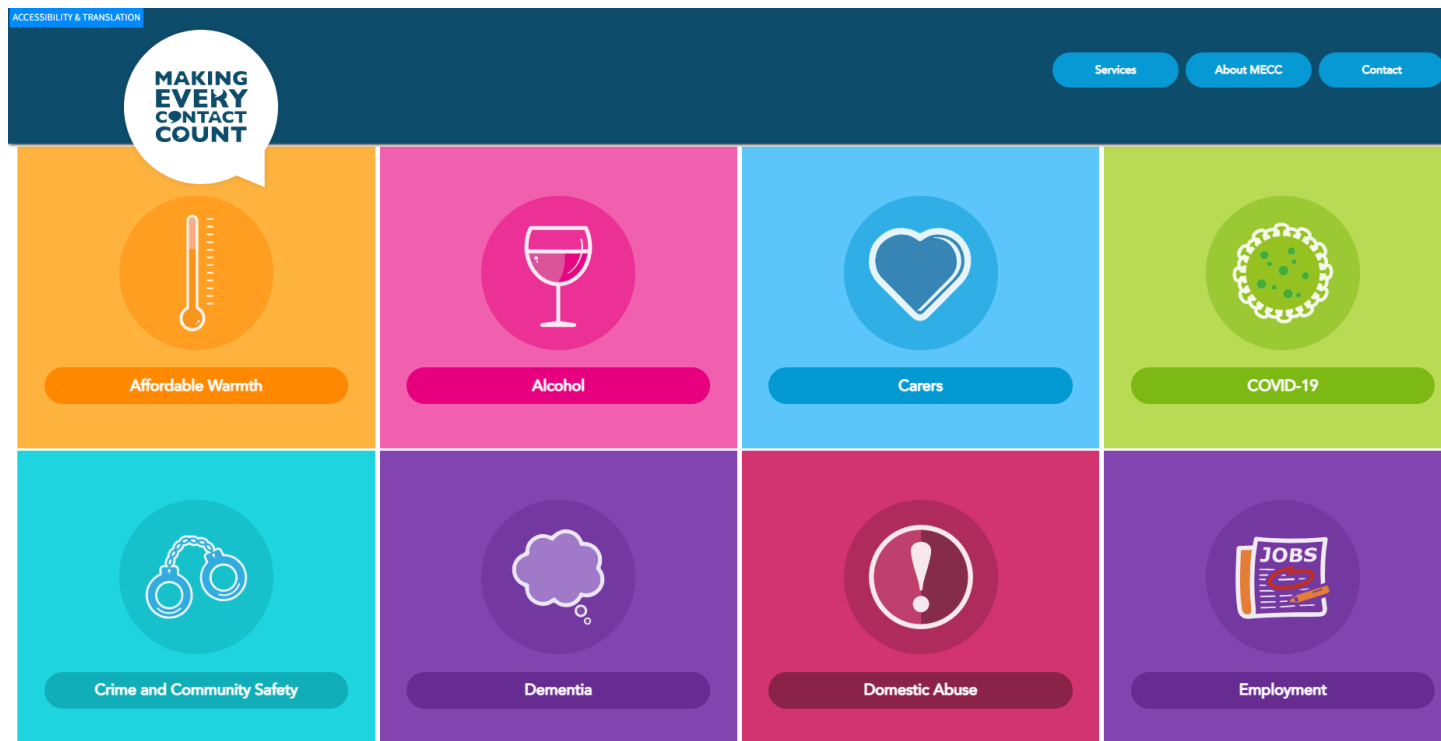
The Pandemic, Socioeconomic and Health Inequalities in England Executive summary

The Health Foundation INSTITUTE OF HEALTH EQUITY

What's happening locally?



Developed Making Every Contact Count website
<https://www.meccgateway.co.uk/nenc>





What's happening locally?

So far:

- Developed and tested the MECC website
- Established local trainers
- Empowering Communities Service(ECS) management team have committed to champion the MECC approach
- ECS teams have been trained or are undergoing training in MECC
- Wider council/partnership support



Next Steps

- Expand MECC- council teams, partners and communities



Making Every Contact Count

Asks:

- Champion the MECC approach and website
- Express an interest in a MECC awareness session
- Give MECC website a try in practice
- Let Health Improvement Team know if there are any services/activities you feel should be added to the MECC website
- Share any feedback



Making Every Contact Count Update

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Making Every Contact Count

Reflections/ Questions



Making Every Contact Count

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Thank you for your time



Briefing Note

Crustaceans Mass Mortality Event

To: Adults, Wellbeing & Health Scrutiny & Improvement Committee

Date: 31 October 22

From: Patrick Rice, Executive Director – Adults & Communities

Ref:

1.0 Purpose

- 1.1 To provide an update on the progress made to implement the Council motion and to seek the views of the Scrutiny & Improvement Committee as to how it would like to progress the issue moving forward.

2.0 Summary

2.1 Chronology

The following paragraphs will set out the key events in chronological order.

Mass Mortality Event

- 2.2 In October 2021, significant numbers of dead and dying crustaceans started to be washed up on the beaches of Redcar & Cleveland, this mass mortality event continued until December 2021, however since then there have been occasional reports of large numbers of dead crustaceans being washed up. Incidents have been reported as far North as County Durham and as far South as Robin Hoods Bay.

Joint Agency Investigation

- 2.3 The initial response to the incident was led by the Environment Agency (EA), with a joint agency investigation launched in December 2021 which was coordinated by the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (Defra). The investigation concluded in March 2022, with the findings published in a report dated May 2022.
- 2.4 The report entitled 'Joint Agency Investigation into Teesside and Yorkshire Coast Crab and Lobster Mortalities' stated that a range of potential causes including licensed dredging activity, chemical contamination, activities related to offshore windfarms, presence of algal blooms and aquatic animal disease had been investigated. The report however concluded that 'No single, consistent causative factor was identified. However, a harmful algal bloom present in the area coincident with the event was identified as of significance.'
- 2.5 Despite no definitive cause being identified, the investigation into the event effectively ceased, with the report stating that ongoing work was limited to the Centre for Environment Fisheries and Aquaculture Science looking at a number of lines of enquiry including ensuring better preparedness for any future incident.

Request to attend Scrutiny

- 2.6 Due to the significant economic and environmental impact of the event, the Council was dissatisfied that the investigation was concluded before a cause was definitively identified, so in early July 2022 the Chair of the then Adults & Communities Scrutiny & Improvement Committee invited Defra to attend the Committee to explain the situation. Defra declined to attend but provided a written response (Appendix 1). The written response does provide further details as to ongoing monitoring that is taking place, but did confirm that the Joint Agency Investigation had concluded.

Council Motion

- 2.7 At the meeting of the Borough Council on the 14 July 2022, a motion was passed that contained the following actions:
1. The decision to close the investigation was premature and demands that the Government re-open it as a matter of urgency to consider why the crustacean deaths.
 2. The Tees Valley local authorities should work together in expressing concern to central government and commission a new independent report in the light of the inconclusive evidence. In addition, the ongoing situation should be monitored by a special Scrutiny Committee from each local authority.
 3. That the Government proposal to give support to the local fishing industry via the existing Seafood Fund is inadequate and calls on them to provide proper compensation for the lost income and livelihoods caused by this crisis.
 4. That the possibility of creating a coastal hatchery to replenish crustacean stocks should be investigated.
- 2.8 Both Middlesbrough and Hartlepool Borough Councils also approved motions on the subject, although all three motions were subtly different in terms of any proposed joint authority working arrangement moving forward.
- 2.9 A letter was sent to the relevant government minister once they had taken up post, to comply with action points 1 and 3 (Appendix 2). At the time of writing this briefing, no response has been received from the minister.
- 2.10 The Council contacted all Tees Valley Local Authorities to establish their desire to work together and their willingness to participate in a joint scrutiny arrangement. Middlesbrough BC have expressed a willingness to work in partnership. Both Hartlepool BC and Stockton BC have indicated that they would potentially consider a joint working arrangement on the issue, subject to any decision taken as to how we would like to proceed.
- 2.11 To ensure that as many authorities as possible participate collectively on this matter, it is important that we clarify in further detail the ask of those authorities, this will be explored later in this briefing.
- 2.12 With regards a lobster hatchery (Action 4 from the motion), one is being established in Whitby that aims to release 100,000 lobsters. Establishing a hatchery is a complicated process and something that the Council has no prior experience of.
- 2.13 Approval to establish a farm would be required from the Fish Health Inspectorate. Given the Council's current financial position and its requirement to focus on reducing its core expenditure, it is not considered prudent to pursue a Council operated facility at

this time. It is something that could be considered later, especially if further information is available regarding the impact it may have on local crustacean stocks.

Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (EFRA) Committee

- 2.14 In mid October 2022, we were contacted by the government who informed us that a one off evidence session would be held on Tuesday 25 October 2022, relating to ‘Sealife Mortality off the North East Coast’ and that we were invited to submit evidence to the session.
- 2.15 The Chair of the EFRA Committee is Scarborough and Whitby MP Sir Robert Goodwill, who said: “We need to establish what is causing these disturbing events. There have been conflicting theories about the reason for the deaths of the crabs and lobsters. The Government has attributed the cause to a marine ‘algal bloom’, while others have argued that the phenomenon is caused by pollution linked to dredging. The session will look at the different explanations for the cause of the deaths, what can be done to prevent a recurrence and its impact on local communities. They have implications for coastal communities in North Yorkshire and Teesside – not least, of course, those engaged in or dependent on the fishing industry. But there could also be wider environmental and economic implications with lessons to be learned.”
- 2.16 The Council fully supports the establishment of the Committee and submitted its evidence in the limited time available to do this (Appendix 3). A verbal update on the outcome of the Committee will be provided at today’s Scrutiny & Improvement Committee meeting.
- 2.17 There is a clear desire from the Council and its local authority neighbours to see further investigative work undertaken to establish the definitive cause of the event so that there is not a repeat occurrence, the Council has written to the government to that effect. The establishment of the EFRA Committee is a starting point and by the time the Scrutiny and Improvement Committee meets, we will know what evidence was presented to the EFRA Committee although we may not know what further action or investigative work it recommends, however, we will continue to lobby the government to ensure the cause is identified.

3.0 Future Monitoring Arrangements

- 3.1 The motion agreed at Borough Council stated that ‘the ongoing situation should be monitored by a special Scrutiny Committee from each local authority’. There would appear to be a collective desire across the Tees Valley to support the essence of the motion, but the motion is open to interpretation which the Council has been asked to clarify so that a collective way forward can be agreed.
- 3.2 Three possible options could be:
- A formal joint Scrutiny arrangement – this would require a decision to be made by each Borough Council meeting of those wishing to participate, which would create some delay to the arrangement being established and require resource for support.
 - Each Council monitor the arrangement through their own Scrutiny arrangements. This would avoid the time delays of the first option, but would potentially leave each Council duplicating effort and we may not benefit from the gains made by a collective response.
 - An informal joint arrangement, whereby political and officer representatives from each Council meet. This would provide an opportunity to share our collective insight and evidence and pool our resources in terms of taking the issue

forward. The progress of the joint arrangement could then be fed back into each Council's own formal governance arrangements.

- 3.3 It is proposed to this Committee to pursue the third option at least initially, as this would allow all interested Council's to come together to collectively agree a way forward and terms of reference for the joint arrangement.
- 3.4 Proposed political representation from the Council would be the relevant Cabinet Member and Scrutiny Chair. It could also include the proposer or seconder of the motion although not all Councils have taken a motion.
- 3.5 From this Council's perspective, potential areas for cooperation through the group would be:
 - Joint lobbying of government on the issue
 - Sharing of expertise and knowledge
 - Collective gathering of evidence from stakeholders e.g. the fishing industry
 - Jointly commissioning any agreed further research or evidence gathering on the subject.
- 3.6 If the EFRA Committee hearing results in the re-opening of investigations, then this may perhaps influence the steps that we might wish to take.
- 3.7 Whatever is agreed at this Committee the Council will write to the other Tees Valley Councils setting out the agreed proposal.



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(By email)

Redcar and Cleveland Scrutiny Committee Board

Date: 18 July 2022

Dear Councillor Shelagh Holyoake

Crab Mortality incident in the North-East

Thank you for inviting Defra to appear before your Committee to give evidence on the 2021 mass wash up of dead crabs on the North-East coast. While a Defra representative won't be able to attend the Committee, I wanted to respond directly to your questions on the investigation.

Has the investigation concluded?

I can confirm that the investigation into the cause of the incident concluded in March 2022. The Environment Agency (EA) led the initial emergency response to the wash up with the support of partner agencies. Defra assumed responsibility for coordinating the ongoing investigation in December 2021 and multi-agency response involving the EA, Centre for Environment, Fisheries & Aquaculture Science (CEFAS), Marine Management Organisation (MMO), the North-East Inshore Fisheries and Conservation Authority (NEIFCA), the Food Standards Agency (FSA) and the UK Health Security Agency (UKHSA).

The EA, MMO, NEIFCA and CEFAS investigated a range of potential causes including licensed dredging activity, chemical pollution, the presence of algal blooms and aquatic animal disease. No single, consistent causative factor was identified. However, a harmful algal bloom present in the area coincident with the event was identified as of significance.

A multi-agency report on the investigation was published in May.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/joint-agency-investigation-into-teesside-and-yorkshire-coast-crab-and-lobster-mortalities>

Is any ongoing monitoring happening and if so what?

Defra and partner agencies have established a recovery team to monitor recovery of the affected area and assess new reports of dead crustaceans.

A key focus is on understanding the impact the event has had on shellfish stocks in the region. We are also undertaking further testing that will help us to better interpret the scientific findings of the incident in 2021, increase the suite of analytical tools that we have to respond should any such incidents occur in the future.

Government technical leads met industry commissioned researchers to share knowledge gained from the work completed so far and to discuss planned university and Defra commissioned research. We will continue to share our findings when available and to work collaboratively with other experts. I have included further details below on the research and monitoring being carried out.

Cefas testing

Given previous indicative detection of pyridine in some of the impacted crabs and also in non-impacted crabs, Cefas are developing and validating a chemical detection test to measure the amounts of pyridine in crab tissues. Once completed, this test will be used to assess the levels of pyridine in environmental crab tissues associated with the impacted and non-impacted areas, which were collected and stored during the event last year. This validated test will also enable us to precisely measure any pyridine in crabs post-mortem, to test the theory that pyridine can be a natural by-product associated with the decomposition process in crabs.

The detection of algal toxins (Diarrhetic Shellfish Toxins (DST)) in many of the impacted crabs was also considered a significant finding. Cefas is setting up an exposure study with live crabs. The animals will be exposed to Diarrhetic Shellfish Poison (DSP)-positive food and DST-producing algae. These exposure studies will be carried out to high standards of animal care and welfare in accordance with Cefas' Animal Welfare policy. Once the studies are completed the information collected will be used to better understand the potentially harmful effects of toxins and/or harmful algae on crab health.

EA Sampling activities

The EA continues to monitor water in the Tees on a monthly basis as part of its national programmes. This includes chlorophyll and phytoplankton sampling as well as chemical sampling. Blue mussel samples for chemical analysis have also been collected as part of the annual mussel programme. As sample results become available, they will be published in the Water Quality Archive on data.gov.uk.

IFCA Monitoring

The North-Eastern IFCA continues to monitor the health of shellfish stocks throughout the affected area, following trends in catch and effort reporting, actively working survey pots, conducting observer trips onboard fishing vessels and on the quayside and supporting any

additional biological sampling and testing work undertaken by other lead organisations. This monitoring programme is supported by active intelligence gathering and reporting from the ground, informed by daily engagement with fishermen, merchants and the general public, to identify any continuing and emerging issues. A working group has also been established with the fishing industry to facilitate communication and information sharing between regulators and key representatives. This group meets every four to eight weeks alongside operational meetings with key MMO leads and the wider response group.

Why was dredging ruled out as the cause?

As the report into the investigation makes clear, dredging has been ruled out as a likely cause of the wash up incident. Before a marine licence can be granted to allow dredged sediment to be disposed, samples of dredge material must be tested, and they must meet the highest international standards protecting marine life before they are permitted to be disposed of at sea. If samples analysed for contaminants do not meet the standards, the disposal at sea of that material will not be licensed.

Nothing in the testing of sediment prior to disposal or results from the wider EA environmental sampling, suggested that a chemical contaminant was the cause. The MMO manage an annual disposal site survey programme that provides field evaluation and ensures disposal operations conform with licence conditions at dredged material disposal sites around the coast of England. Fieldwork and testing of sediment at the Inner Tees disposal site took place in April 2021 and there was no evidence of significantly elevated contaminants in sediment at locations around and within the disposal site.

Sediment that is proposed to be dredged in the Tees Estuary is tested and sampled across the footprint of the area to be dredged at least every three years prior to disposal. Cefas completed an indicative 2D tracking model of the potential sediment plume from the Tees disposal site. The model indicates that the plume from material deposited at the Tees disposal site is relatively confined along the tidal excursion at the disposal site and does not have the same geographic extent consistent with the known mortalities.

The MMO uses the best available evidence to inform its decision making. There is no evidence to suggest that the disposal of dredged sediment was responsible for the crab and lobster mortality. Testing has been conducted in accordance with international (OSPAR – Oslo/Paris convention (for the Protection of the Marine Environment of the North-East Atlantic)) obligations.

Full details of marine licences and their conditions are available on the MMO public register. [Check the public register of marine licence applications and decisions - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/marine-licence-applications-and-decisions)

We recognise the impact this wash-up incident has had on the local community and remain committed to providing updates on both the research and monitoring currently underway.

Yours sincerely

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To: Ranil Jayawardena, Secretary of State for
 Environment, Food and Rural Affairs

Our Ref:

12th September 2022

Dear Sir,

Mass Crustacean Mortality Event

I am writing to express this Council's deep dissatisfaction regarding the conclusion of the investigation into the dead crustaceans that washed up onto our beaches last year.

In early October 2021, significant numbers of dead crabs and lobsters started being washed up on the beaches of Teesside, the mass mortality event continued until December 2021 with dead crustaceans found from County Durham down to North Yorkshire. The deaths had a significant impact on our local population, especially our coastal communities, many of which rely heavily on tourism and the fishing industry. The support so far from Defra to mitigate the impact on the livelihoods of those affected has been wholly inadequate.

The Environment Agency led on the emergency response, with Defra taking responsibility for leading the investigation into the cause of the event, which ended in March 2022. The investigation was unable to determine the cause of the event and concluded that no single, consistent, causative factor could be identified. The report hypothesised that a potentially harmful algal bloom present in the area leading up to the start of the mass mortality event may have been of significance. It is very concerning and unacceptable that, despite the significance of the event on the marine life in the area and the impact on our coastal communities, the investigation was concluded before any cause was identified.

The Borough Council at its meeting on the 14 July 2022, passed a motion agreeing the following:

1. The decision to close the investigation was premature and demands that the Government re-open it as a matter of urgency to consider why the crustacean deaths.
2. That the Government proposal to give support to the local fishing industry via the existing Seafood Fund is inadequate and calls on them to provide proper compensation for the lost income and livelihoods caused by this crisis.

I would be grateful if you would consider these two requests and provide a response as soon as possible.

Yours faithfully,

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The Environment Food and Rural Affairs (EFRA)
 Committee

Our Ref: Legal/SN

14 October 2022

By email to: efracom@parliament.uk

Dear Sir or Madam,

The Environment Food and Rural Affairs (EFRA) Committee - Hearing into the Deaths of Large Numbers of Crustaceans off the Yorkshire Coast Since October 2021.

I write on behalf of Redcar and Cleveland Borough Council ('the Council') and would ask that the following information is taken into consideration as part of the above hearing.

The matters forming the subject of this hearing have been the cause of very significant concern to both residents and Elected Members of the Council since the initial deaths took place. This concern ultimately led to a motion being considered and approved at a meeting of the Full Council as follows:

RESOLVED that on the successful motion of Councillor C Quartermain and duly seconded by Councillor Thomson that:

"Redcar and Cleveland Council believes that much more needs to be done to investigate the reasons for the mass death of sea creatures found on our coast in the latter part of 2021 and more recently.

Redcar and Cleveland Council also believes much more support should be given to our local fishing industry which has been adversely affected by the consequent radical reduction in fishing stock.

Since October last year dead crustaceans have been found on our beaches along with, the possibly associated, deaths of seal pups and porpoises. The report of the Government Joint agency investigation into Teesside and Yorkshire Coast Crab and Lobster mortalities was published in May 2022 and concluded that as healthy crabs and lobsters were now being found the investigation was closed.

Redcar and Cleveland Council believes:

- 1. The decision to close the investigation was premature and demands that the Government re-open it as a matter of urgency to consider why the crustacean deaths*

2. *The Tees Valley local authorities should work together in expressing concern to central government and commission a new independent report in the light of the inconclusive evidence. In addition, the ongoing situation should be monitored by a special Scrutiny Committee from each local authority.*
3. *That the Government proposal to give support to the local fishing industry via the existing Seafood Fund is inadequate and calls on them to provide proper compensation for the lost income and livelihoods caused by this crisis.*
4. *That the possibility of creating a coastal hatchery to replenish crustacean stocks should be investigated.*

In line with this motion, the Council has written to the Government making the requests identified under paragraphs 1 and 3 above but, regrettably, has yet to receive any sort of acknowledgment or reply. A copy of the Council's letter is attached for your attention.

It is understood by the Council that the hearing on 25th October 2022 will consider both the cause and impact of the deaths and that information from interested parties is welcomed on both aspects of these matters. Although the Council clearly cannot comment specifically on the cause of the deaths and has not had the opportunity to collate detailed information on their impact, it would make the following general comments, based on information received via residents and other sources in the course of its normal business.

1. The current conclusion that the deaths are the result of an algal bloom is somewhat less than definitive and has not been accepted by some of the scientific community and those involved in the fishing industry - the latter querying how something which is a relatively localised phenomena occurring at near surface level can impact on crustaceans which inhabit the sea at a much greater depth.
2. It seems unclear whether all potential sources of pollution and/or other causes of death have been conclusively explored. For example, earlier this year, the Council received information from an anonymous source who indicated that, some years ago, they had been employed by a chemical company to deal, in secret, with toxic chemicals at a specified location in the River Tees. The source was concerned that these chemicals could be a potential cause of crustacean deaths if disturbed and this information was forwarded to DEFRA. The Council clearly cannot say whether the source is credible or the information of any potential relevance but is not aware that any consideration or investigation of this issue has taken place.
3. The impact of the deaths has been significant, both in terms of local residents, visitors to the Council's beaches and, of course, the local fishing industry. In terms of the latter, the Council understands that catches of crabs have been decimated and that catches of lobsters have been halved along a large stretch of the coast.
4. Fishing boats now have to travel much further afield resulting in additional time and cost. It is known that some within the industry have given up, whilst others struggle

on, in what are already difficult times. It seems that efforts are underway to ensure that the lobster population is restocked but there is no such effort in terms of crabs.

5. The deaths have had a notable impact on those visiting the beaches in the Borough. Residents and visitors have been clearly distressed by huge numbers of dead crustaceans quite literally piled on the sand. There is a sense of frustration and upset about the apparent lack of ability for any relevant body to authoritatively explain the reason for this situation.
6. It is not known how these issues might have impacted negatively on tourism – something upon which the Council significantly relies - given the ongoing press coverage, negative connotations about potential pollution and perpetuation of false perceptions about the industrial nature of the area.

In summary, the Council feels that the impact of these deaths has been substantially underestimated and considers it unacceptable that investigations were closed when the conclusions reached seem, at best, to amount to what is essentially a working hypothesis.

As indicated in its motion, the Council strongly believes that the investigations should be re-opened and continue until a definitive (or at least more definitive) outcome has been reached and that, in the meantime, those working in the fishing industry who have been adversely affected by these issues should be appropriately supported by the Government.

Thank you for your consideration of this information.

Yours faithfully



Steve Newton
Governance Director and Monitoring Officer



Briefing Note

Joint Health Scrutiny Committees - Update

To: Adult, Wellbeing & Health Scrutiny & Improvement Committee **Date:** 31st October 2022

From: Governance Manager **Ref:**

1 What is the purpose of this report?

1.1 To provide an update on the work of the various Joint Health Scrutiny Committees for Members' information.

2 What is the background to this report?

2.1 Councils with social care functions can hold health providers to account for the quality of their services through powers to obtain information, ask questions in public and make recommendations for improvements that have to be considered. In some circumstances, proposals for major changes to health services can be referred to the Secretary of State for determination if they are not considered to be in the interests of local health services. This is the responsibility that is usually referred to as 'Health Scrutiny'.

2.2 Where relevant issues fall within the local authority's boundaries, these will normally be dealt with through the Adult and Communities Scrutiny & Improvement Committee as the Committee through which the Council's health scrutiny function is discharged.

2.3 In some cases, issues cover more than one Local Authority area, and as such, are more appropriate to be dealt with through the Joint Health Scrutiny arrangements that exist. Where there are proposals for significant changes in services provision that affect more than one Local Authority area, the regulations require these to be dealt with through a joint committee.

2.4 This briefing note provides an update on the key issues that are being considered through our joint health scrutiny arrangements. Links to agendas and minutes are provided to enable Members to read a fuller report of the meeting discussions.

3.0 **Tees Valley Joint Health Scrutiny Committee**
(Representatives: Cllrs A Watts, Rees and Sandra Smith)

3.1 The Committee is chaired on a rotating basis between the Tees Valley Authorities. Darlington Council has chairing responsibilities for 2022/23.

3.2 A meeting of Tees Valley Joint Health Scrutiny was held on Friday 23rd September 2022. The agenda included updates from Tees, Esk and Valley in terms of their improvement journey, updates from colleagues from the North East and North Cumbria Integrated Care Board (ICB) on System Implementation and Urgent and

Emergency Care across South Tees, and a report was shared around changes to paediatric ophthalmology services.

3.3 TEWV Improvement Journey

Tees, Esk and Wear Valley colleagues shared a presentation on the ambition for services, key achievements and progress made across the service, plus challenges and how these are addressed.

3.4 Strengthened by the Expert by Experience programme, two 'lived experience' directors had been recruited and services were being cocreated with patient leadership at every level. The focus on this work to date has been on working with care groups on big ticket issues and building relationships with patients and their families.

3.5 North East and North Cumbria Integrated Care Board updates

The Director for the local Integrated Care Board advised that there is an aim for all Tees Valley residents to have access to high quality urgent care, to integrate services and to provide the right care for patients, at the right time.

3.6 An 11 week engagement period was running until the 16th October on proposed enhancements to current urgent care services, with sessions held across South Tees. As part of the plans, a new Urgent Treatment Centre would be introduced at James Cook University Hospital in Middlesbrough, alongside the Emergency Department.

3.7 The move would also see the GP out of hours service, which was based at North Ormesby until the COVID pandemic, move to James Cook. In addition, in Redcar, the Urgent Treatment Centre at the town's Primary Care Hospital would increase its opening hours to be open 24/7, 365 days a year. Redcar Primary Care hospital would also continue to provide the GP out of hours service for the Redcar and Cleveland area.

3.8 The meeting acknowledged that, whilst the changes were overall positive, that there remained some geographical challenge across Redcar & Cleveland to ensure residents in the east of the Borough have access to urgent care.

3.9 Paediatric Ophthalmology

A report was shared on behalf of the Joint Head of Integrated Strategic Commissioning, NHS North East & North Cumbria Integrated Care Board (County Durham) and the Associate Director of Operations, County Durham and Darlington NHS Foundation Trust (CDDFT) on Paediatric Ophthalmology.

3.10 Information was shared on pressures within the service and action taken to mitigate pressures and to ensure all children under the care of Paediatric Ophthalmology services continued to receive their care as required.

3.11 Papers for this joint committee can be found using the link below:
[Tees Valley Joint Health Scrutiny Committee](#)

3.12 The next meeting is scheduled to take place on Friday 16th December 2022.

4.0 Conclusions & Recommendations

4.1 Members are requested to:

1. Note the information
2. Seek further information or feed in any comments via the Council's nominated representatives on each of the Joint Committees.

Adult and Communities Scrutiny and Improvement Committee – Action list

Actions from 14 June 2022		
<p>RECRUITMENT AND RETENTION</p> <p>Marketing material to be shared with the Committee once prepared.</p>	<p>VW</p>	<p>Information has been shared with the Committee.</p>

Actions from 26 July 2022		
<p>MAKING EVERY CONTACT COUNT</p> <p>Examples of positive outcomes to be shared with the committee</p>	<p>FA</p>	<p>Examples will be provided at the next Adults, Wellbeing & Health Scrutiny Committee.</p>

Actions from 20 September 2022

<p>GP PERFORMANCE INFORMATION</p> <p>A presentation to be given at a future meeting on the formation, role and governance of Primary Care Networks.</p> <p>PUBLIC HEALTH UPDATE</p> <p>The Director of Public Health to provide detailed information on the Dementia Friendly Scheme.</p> <p>Information as to how the visitor numbers for the Peter Rabbit exhibition were calculated.</p> <p>A response to be provided regarding the Saltburn water sampling queries.</p>	<p>TVICP</p> <p>MA</p> <p>MA</p> <p>MA</p>	<p>Information has been circulated to the Committee.</p> <p>The Museum Pavilion has an electronic visitor counter, which counts visitors entering the exhibition. The counter numbers are recorded daily. This works out as just over 300 people a day on average.</p> <p>An additional sampling point based at Hazelgrove (Pit Hill Stell) was discussed with the EA in 2020/21 and they confirmed that additional sampling will not be undertaken due to not being required by law and the beach not failing water quality standards. The EA do not sample at outfall pipes, they sample where most bathers swim which is usually away from outfall pipes and where any sewage present will have been further diluted within the mass water body.</p> <p>Moving the sampling point was also discussed with the EA but this would not be lawful under Bathing Water Regulations 2013 as this is not the most popular part of the beach for</p>
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<p>TEESPORT HEALTH AUTHORITY</p> <p>A presentation to be given at a future meeting on the Tees Port Health Authority.</p> <p>HEALTH SCRUTINY</p> <p>Links to access information around Tees Joint Health Scrutiny to be shared with Members.</p>	<p>FA</p> <p>RP</p>	<p>bathing and would also result in the beach having to be de-classified and to start over as the history of sampling results built up over the four-year rolling period would not be allowed to be used.</p> <p>Presentation scheduled in for January Scrutiny meeting</p> <p>A link to papers is included in the briefing note to be shared at the next Adults, Wellbeing & Health scrutiny committee.</p>
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