

# End of Life Strategy for Northumberland

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# Challenge from OSC

- Paper presented in June 2019 updating the position re the end of life strategy
- Helpful positioning of the complexity of managing end of life care across the county
- Challenge from OSC;
  - The strategy required further updating
  - Needs to be more reflective of the NHS and Social Care system – including voluntary/charitable groups
  - Needs to engage further the local population including hard to reach groups
  - Needs to encompass care in hospital, out in the community and within peoples homes

# Northumberland Transformation Board

- Recognising that this is an area that requires time, attention and engagement across health, social care, voluntary sector and within communities the following shares the plan that we will collectively follow to revise the End of Life strategy for Northumberland.
- All organisations have agreed to participate in and help to create an integrated approach.

# How - Task and finish

- Create a system-wide task and finish group to support the overall creation of the strategy and manage the activity to do so.
- Partners to include
  - Voluntary and charitable organisations
  - Social Care
  - Primary Care
  - Secondary Care
  - Community Services
  - HealthWatch
- Reporting into the Northumberland Transformation Board
- Ratification of plans at HWBB, individual organisation Boards and OSC

# Approach

- Public, patient and voluntary sector engagement
  - Audit of the patient experience linked to the current provision of services – identification of gaps and development of plans to fill the gaps
  - Independent research (focus groups – experiential and non experiential) to understand perceptions, issues, expectations and ambition for end of life care
  - A range of events to have a wider debate about the end of life and what constitutes a good death – using stories from across the county to develop thinking

# Approach

- Social care and clinical engagement
  - A range of deliberative events to consider the clinical evidence and public/patient expectation regarding End of Life care
  - To cover primary, community, secondary and social care
  - Involve charities and voluntary sector in supporting the creation of the ambition
  - Development of proposals to support better integration across health and social care
  - Set the ambition for the future and roadmap to achieve

# Timings

- Work to commence this year
- Expectation to bring a revised and updated strategy in April 2020

# Questions