

Partnership with Newcastle in Cumbria



Our offer to the people of North and West Cumbria is a once in a lifetime opportunity. It is a unique and innovative opportunity capable of transforming the future of their health service.

Our offer is completely committed to putting patients first and delivering a truly integrated health care system. It breaks down organisational barriers to provide the right care in the right place at the right time.

The future of the hospitals in meeting people's needs will be secured and delivered by building on the already close ties with Newcastle, and integrating local services as outlined by GP commissioners and other local partners.

Best of both

The local community will benefit from the unrivalled strengths each organisation will bring and deliver together.

Together the Partnership offers:

- ✓ Well established, robust governance systems, Cumbrian governors and thousands of Cumbrian members influencing Cumbrian healthcare
- ✓ Local presence – a wide range of health care services in the unique geography of Cumbria
- ✓ Experience of successfully integrating health care services
- ✓ An extensive portfolio of services providing services right though from home to national centres of excellence
- ✓ The chance to bring together acute and community services to get the best deal for patients in Cumbria and beyond
- ✓ Longstanding sound financial management



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Our promises

This partnership is based on shared values. Thousands of Cumbrian people look to Newcastle for care every year. At the heart of our proposal is a strong commitment to create one joined up system for the people of North Cumbria that is locally governed.

The partnership would be:

✓ **Rooted in Cumbria**

The partnership would be delivered and managed by Cumbria Partnership NHS Foundation Trust in Cumbria. Newcastle will provide specialist expertise and support with more and more care provided in Cumbria, reducing travel and improving services.

✓ **Developed in Cumbria**

Decisions about developments in healthcare will be taken in Cumbria. We will work closely with our patients, members, GPs, staff and other partners to hear how services should be taken forward.

✓ **Accountable to Cumbria**

13,000 Cumbrians have already signed up to support us as members and this number grows every day. Elected governors ensure that our services meet local needs.

Local membership, local decisions to deliver secure local services.



“We have a relationship with the consultants in Newcastle already – a formal partnership will only strengthen this relationship, to the benefit of patients.”

Michael Goold, Carlisle GP



“Cumbria Partnership NHS Foundation Trust is the only countywide provider of health services in Cumbria - with a focus on integration for the benefit of the people we serve.”

Sheila Goodliffe, Head Governor

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✓ Putting Patients First

We will continue to put the patient first, creating a system that works for them, services that are designed around Cumbrians and others to deliver the very best outcomes.

✓ Committed to hospitals fit for the future

The NHS faces tough times ahead. Our partnership will cut out waste by removing the boundaries between organisations. It's about co-operation rather than competition – and we are uniquely placed to link together the 2 acute hospitals, 9 community hospitals and community services across North Cumbria.

✓ Providing more services locally

We will work together to ensure that specialist services from Newcastle Hospitals are provided locally whenever possible. This has worked well for breast screening and there are many more areas to develop along these lines.

✓ Partnership with staff

Our achievements are a result of the professionalism, knowledge, skills, innovation and hard work of our staff. We have a good track record of communication during integration and we would look to build on this and work in partnership with staff at all times.



“In January 2011, NuTH took the lead on breast screening in North Cumbria, working closely in partnership with North Cumbria University Hospitals.”



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The benefits

- ✓ One joined up system resulting in improved patient experience – a single system of care and new care pathways allowing us to tackle the financial challenges by cutting out waste and making the best use of the resources we have
- ✓ Better outcomes for patients – with the staff already serving the people of North Cumbria we will deliver evidence based practice. This wealth of experience will ensure we meet the needs of those who rely
- ✓ Well supported and skilled staff with access to a wide range of world class learning and training opportunities, ground breaking research as well as a unique network of expertise
- ✓ Safe and sustainable services
- ✓ Clinical leadership second to none
- ✓ Less travel, less waiting and stronger clinical services

“It would seem, from my perspective, a natural partnership”

Michael Goold, Carlisle GP



Why do we want to do this?

It's simple - because we believe it is the right thing to do for the people of Cumbria.

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About us

Cumbria Partnership NHS Foundation Trust is the only countywide provider of health services in Cumbria. It manages 400 beds and sees more than a fifth of the population in any one year. The Trust provides a wide range of services across North Cumbria including 9 community hospitals, all community services, learning disability services, Children's services and inpatient and community mental health services. The Trust has close working relationships with many partners, particularly Cumbria County Council. The Trust employs 4000 staff and has annual income of £170m.

The Newcastle upon Tyne Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust is one of the most successful teaching NHS Trusts in the country, treating over one million patients every year. The Trust has long established credentials in providing innovative, high standard healthcare, including community services and primary care.

Their flagship services include the Regional Cardiothoracic Centre at the Freeman Hospital – the only Centre in the UK to provide all complex cardiopulmonary surgery including heart and lung transplants for both children and adults – and the superb new Great North Children's Hospital which cares for our young generation for the whole region as far north as Berwick in the borders and across to Cumbria in the west and down into North Yorkshire on the south end of the region. The Trust employs over 13000 staff and has an annual income of over £850m.

“Investing in Learning – utilising internationally renowned research”



Patient and staff from Penrith and Eden Community Hospital

“A good track record... and a determination to always improve.”

