



## Neurosciences Network Update 6<sup>th</sup> January 2009

- The Network's **2 year commissioning proposals** are due to go to Directors of Commissioning (DOCs) on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> January, Lynne Barr will be presenting the bid and taking the Network's top three priorities for the next 2 years:
  - Community Neuro Rehab
  - Support for the Network
  - Service Improvements for Neuro Pathways
- The Neurosciences Network **Launch Event** is to take place on **Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March 2009** at **Durham County Cricket Club, Chester-le-Street**. This will be linked to the "Levers for Change" event which was part of the National Neurological Alliance event in London recently. We will look at "Levers for Change" in a Regional context. The afternoon workshops will focus on pathway development.
- The **Sharepoint site** for professionals and members of the Network is now up and running. Members have been given login details and are beginning to use the resources held there. If you would like access to the site please email Laura Bailey ([laura.bailey1@middlesbroughpct.nhs.uk](mailto:laura.bailey1@middlesbroughpct.nhs.uk)) who will add you as a user and send you your login details.  
**[extranet.nhsnortheast.co.uk/North\\_East\\_Neurosciences\\_Network](http://extranet.nhsnortheast.co.uk/North_East_Neurosciences_Network)**
- Discussions have begun to take place regarding the development of a **5 year plan** for the Network. A group will be meeting shortly to discuss this further.
- A **Specialist Workforce Regional Group** event will take place on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2009 at The Industry Centre, University of Sunderland. This is a follow up from our first event in August 2008 (Durham). Please contact Laura Bailey ([laura.bailey1@middlesbroughpct.nhs.uk](mailto:laura.bailey1@middlesbroughpct.nhs.uk)) for further details.
- Details of next Network meeting:
  - Monday 16<sup>th</sup> March 2009**
  - 09:30 – 12:30      Network Meeting**
  - 12:30 – 13:30      Knowledge Session – Parkinson's Disease**
  - Hartlepool PCT & Stockton on Tees Teaching PCT
  - Teesdale House
  - Westpoint Road
  - Thornaby
  - Stockton on Tees
  - TS17 6BL