



Neurosciences Network Update 18th June 2009

- The **official launch** of the Neurosciences Network took place on 26th March at The Riverside in Chester-le-Street. The event was well attended by 130 people and the Network was successful in its aim of letting people know that we exist and the work we are planning to do. We would like to say a huge thank you to everyone who was involved and helped make it such a success. We look forward to working you in the future.
- An **Annual Report** for the Network has been produced and presented to the Directors of Commissioning (DOCs). We will now report to the DOCs on a quarterly basis and are producing an **Action Plan** to demonstrate future workstreams. This will be shared on the website in due course.
- A **South Tees Neuro Rehab Review** Steering group has been formed and met for the first time. This follows the review by NORSCORE last year and will add information for the Southern part of the Region. The group is currently working on collecting data and will meet again later in the summer. A report will be prepared for the September meeting.
- **Workforce Innovations Programme:**
 - A co-ordinator for the programme has been recruited and will start on 1st August 2009.
 - An event for managers was held on 17th June in Sunderland and was well attended by around 40 managers. All managers who attended have signed up for the next stage.
 - A project manager has been recruited for a temporary period to work on building the remaining three Neuro Forums (Durham, South of Tyne, North of Tyne). Teesside is currently the only forum in the Region that is up and running currently. Updates on each forum will be posted on the website.
- An **Evidence Based Practice** group has been formed, chaired by Alastair McDonald. The aim of the Group is to act as a single focal point which will develop a Region wide approach to gathering evidence to support future commissioning decisions. A priority area will be collecting patient experiences and outcomes.
- **Date of Next Meeting:**

Tuesday 15th September 2009
09:30 – 13:30 (including knowledge session)
NHS North of Tyne and Wear
Bevan House
1 Esh Plaza
Sir Bobby Robson Way
Great Park
Newcastle upon Tyne
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