



Neurosciences Network Update September 2009

- The Network now reports formally to the **Directors of Commissioning** on a quarterly basis. A summary document has been produced to make it easier for each area to feed back on progress. The next step is to incorporate QIPP and value for money into these reports.
- **Workforce Development Programme**
Sally Lawson has been appointed as Workforce Innovations Coordinator (sally.lawson1@nhs.net). The recruitment process is ongoing and the 10 mentors and 20 mentees will be appointed in the next few weeks. A 'Neuro Workforce Development Day' will be held on:
 - 1st December 2009** at
Mount Oswald Manor,
South Road,
Durham,
DH1 3TQ.
 Further details will be available on the website.
- **Lynne Barr** announced that she will be **leaving her post**, and the NHS, early in the new year (to travel to New Zealand). Therefore the Network will need to consider its future requirements for the coming period. Commissioners from the Network will be meeting next month to discuss the way forward.
- **South Tees Neuro Rehab Review**
It had been decided earlier in the year to carry out a review to assess equity across the Region in accessing neuro rehab facilities. A steering group has been set up and has met twice. A proposal has now been put together and will go forward to commissioners for the next stage of planning.
- A sub group of the Network has been meeting with local authority colleagues to look at areas that **adult social care and the Neurosciences Network** could work on **jointly**. 3 main objectives that meet the 5 year commissioning framework are:
 - Transitions from children's to adult services
 - Increase options for supported living / extra care
 - Personalisation agenda – i.e. individual health budgets
- Work on setting up local **Neuro Forums** is progressing. Provisional dates for initial meetings are:

Forum	Provisional Date: 1 st Meeting	Provisional Date: 2 nd Meeting
South of Tyne	08/10/09	Week commencing: 16/11/09
Durham	Week commencing: 19/10/09	Week commencing: 30/11/09
North of Tyne	Week commencing: 02/11/09	Week commencing: 07/12/09

NB. Teesside forum is already active

- **Date of Next Meeting:** 17th November 2009