

BOARD MEETING

19 March 2009
Item no 09/03/15

Five Year Strategic Plan

1. Introduction/ Summary of Scheme/Report

This paper sets out the current position in the development of the five year strategic plan (copy enclosed) for the population of County Durham and Darlington.

The five year strategic plan has been developed through a strategic and organisational planning process which has been driven by the World Class Commissioning framework, Lord Darz's Next Stage Review (NSR) and the regional implementation of the NSR through 'Our vision, our future'

The plan sets out or vision and strategic aims through which the vision will be Achieved. It describes the delivery framework through which the ten key outcome priorities will lead the development of a range of initiatives across eight clinical delivery pathways outlined in Our vision, our future. The framework will be continuously benchmarked against the aims of this vision.

The strategic plan will be discussed and reviewed at a 'showcasing' event led by the North East Strategic Health Authority on the 25th March 2009 and the board will be presented with their comments in May 2009.

2. Implications and Risks

<i>Will there be a significant impact on patients or patient care?</i>	The strategic plan sets out a vision and aims for improving health and wellbeing, reducing health inequalities and ensuring the highest standards of patient safety for the people of Darlington
<i>Are there any financial or legal implications to implementing this item?</i>	The strategic plan outlines an approach to investment planning to ensure delivery and value for money
<i>Will there be an impact on Equality, Diversity or Human Rights?</i>	An equality, diversity impact assessment of the strategy has been undertaken
<i>Does this item form an essential part of quality or performance standards e.g. Healthcare Commission, NHS Litigation Authority? If yes, detail which standard.</i>	The implementation of the strategic plan will support delivery of national, regional and local imperatives

3. Recommendation

The board is requested to:

- note the development of the five year strategic plan since the World Class Commissioning assessment, and
- agree that the plan will direct our strategic intention over the next five years.

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5. Purpose of the Paper

Information Sharing Development/discussion Decision/action