

## Shaping Care Together...



# Engagement and consultation...

"It is critical that patients and the public are involved throughout the development, planning and decision-making of proposals for service reconfiguration. Early involvement with the diverse communities, local Healthwatch organisations, and the local voluntary sector is essential... Early involvement will give early warning of issues likely to raise concerns in local communities and gives commissioners' time to work on the best solutions to meet those needs."

#### **NHS England**

#### Timeline of activity...

Early Engagement Phase The early engagement phase is open for contributions.

#### **Option Appraisal**

The long list of solutions will be reduced to a short list of options for change.

#### Report on outcome of consultation to Commissioners

The final outcomes of the consultation are documented here. This may include a summary of all contributions collected as well as recommendations for future action. This report will be used to inform decision-making process.

#### **Option Development**

Contributions from the early engagement phase will be used to develop a long list of solutions. Proceed to public consultation on any options for change

### Headline engagement to date...

- More than 2,100 questionnaire responses completed
- More than 15K engagement site visits
- Roughly 300 staff completed the questionnaire
- At least 1,800 patients and stakeholders completed the questionnaire
- Almost 500 responses from SCT 'postcards'
- Regular stakeholder e-Newsletter distributed



## Headline engagement to date...

- Equalities Impact Assessment in progress
- Travel & Transport Advisory Group established
- Engagement Process Advisory Group established
- In-depth patient and stakeholder focus groups delivered (29 held since January 2021)
- Roughly 40% want to hear more information when published



### Headline themes to date...

- 70% favour telephone or video appointments
- Top two priorities:
  - Shorter waiting times for outpatient appointments
  - Having the best possible care, even if that means travelling further
- 85% favour specialist centre treatment for complex healthcare
- At least 94% generally agree that healthcare should be "local where possible and specialist where necessary"

#### Headline themes to date...

- There are some concerns around the accessibility of primary care services.
- We need to focus more on preventative measures and use community services better to help patients before they present to hospital.
- There are some issues around public transport in certain areas.
- Staffing levels, recruitment and retention of key staff needs to be improved.
- We need to improve patient journeys and support patients to better navigate their own care.

### Headline themes to date...

Good...

- The Spinal Unit at Southport Hospital
- Prompt appointments for planned procedures
- Caring and compassionate staff
- Joined up services between both sites
- A&E at Southport

Less good...

- Limited maternity services offered at Southport
- Staff shortages in certain areas at both sites
- Public transport links particularly between the two hospitals
- Care in the community in Southport
- Lack of Walk-In Centre at Southport

### Next steps...

- Challenges and Opportunities (C&O) Paper to be published
- More survey responses
- More in-depth discussion groups
- Developing new Models of Care
- Options Development & Appraisal Process to be undertaken
- Comprehensive Engagement Report to be produced and feed into Pre-Consultation Business Case



"Building on the national NHS Long Term Plan, our aim is to continue to make health and care services in the local area seamless to help patients get the right care in the right place, at the right time."

