

Humber Acute Services Review

Joint Statement to staff from Northern Lincolnshire and Goole NHS Foundation Trust (NLaG) and Hull University Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust (HUTHT)

Our Trusts have a long history of working together collaboratively for the benefit of patients within our region. We already have joint services in place for Renal Medicine and Cardiac, Neuro, Plastic, Thoracic and Vascular Surgery as well as sharing medical staff for Oncology, Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery and Specialist Radiology. Working together means we learn from one another, develop our skills and expertise and maximise our collective resources. We want to build upon these well-established collaborations to continue improving the services we offer.

For the last 12 months, our Trusts have been working together on the Humber Acute Services Review. This review is critically important and will support us to develop the best possible services for all the communities we serve - on both banks of the Humber and beyond. The review provides the opportunity for clinicians from both Trusts, alongside patients and other stakeholders, to jointly shape ideas about the future of our hospital services.

Already the review has facilitated new collaborations. For example, new Operational Delivery Networks (ODNs) have been established for Cardiology and Urology and existing ODNs have been strengthened. These networks support the delivery of more joined-up services across the Humber and beyond. Specialty reviews are underway in Oncology, Cardiology, Neurology and Complex Rehabilitation and will make recommendations for improvements in the coming months. Starting in July, the review will look at a broader range of specialties and develop proposals on how these can be improved. This will include working together to develop our Cancer services so we can improve outcomes for everyone in our region.

Working as a Humber collaborative does not stop discussions with other providers where this will best address the needs of local people. Neither does it mean that one Trust is more important than the other. Our collaboration is about building on each other's strengths to offer the best we can for our patients. It is a relationship built on respect, mutual understanding and, most importantly, a desire to serve our populations.

As we continue to work together, we will remain true to our own values:

- for HUTHT: Care, Honesty and Accountability
- for NLaG: Kindness, Courage and Respect.

We will also remain true to our visions and work together to achieve them.

There is much work still to do as we seek to develop the best possible hospital services for our region. We would like to ask for your support and to invite you to contribute by getting involved in the review. You can attend a clinical workshop later in the year or share your views about the review by contacting your department head. You can read about the work so far on the review website:

<https://humbercoastandvale.org.uk/humberacutereview>.

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