

Your Views are Important

We want to hear your views about the proposed merger of the three North Yorkshire Clinical Commissioning Groups (CCGs).

In April 2019, the three North Yorkshire CCG Governing Bodies made the decision to make a formal application to NHS England to merge as a single organisation from April 2020.

The three organisations in North Yorkshire are:

- NHS Hambleton, Richmondshire and Whitby Clinical Commissioning Group
- NHS Harrogate and Rural District Clinical Commissioning Group
- NHS Scarborough and Ryedale Clinical Commissioning Group

Background

NHS Clinical Commissioning Groups took over responsibility for commissioning local health services in April 2013. They are organisations combining the expertise of local family doctors (GPs) and NHS managers; putting local doctors and nurses at the very heart of deciding what health services to provide, where and how.

CCGs are required to constantly respond and adapt to the changing local circumstances and challenges ensuring the health of the local population is met.

In the summer of 2018 the Governing Bodies of the three CCGs in North Yorkshire took the decision to appoint a single accountable officer and leadership team for the three organisations in order to enable more collaborative working across North Yorkshire. Amanda Bloor was appointed as Single Accountable Officer and took up post on 1 December 2018. Since then the majority of the executive leadership team have been appointed and are in post.

There have already been many examples of successful cross-working across the three CCGs, for instance commissioning North Yorkshire wide services such as Children's Mental Health services, patient transport and the NHS 111 service from North Yorkshire Ambulance Service as well as the Medequip contract for community equipment. The joint working brings both economies of scale and operational efficiencies, as well as consistency for the people we serve.

This is a significant step and a great opportunity to improve the healthcare for the people of North Yorkshire, addressing the "postcode lottery"; ensuring our money is spent on the right things, whilst maintaining a local focus, but allowing us to obtain better value for money by commissioning at scale.

This survey can also be completed on line at: <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/T6YDZG6>



Next Steps

We plan to submit a merger request to NHS England in September this year and, if agreed, will begin operating as a single organisation (one CCG) from 1 April 2020.

We would be very grateful if you could take five minutes to provide us with your views on what is important to you as an individual (or organisation), so that we can reflect upon this in the process to create a North Yorkshire Clinical Commissioning Group.

Your views:

1. **Are you responding as an individual or on behalf of an organisation (please tick which one applies).**
 - As an individual
 - On behalf of an organisation (please state which below)
2. **Which CCG locality are you from?**
 - Hambleton, Richmondshire and Whitby CCG
 - Harrogate and Rural District CCG
 - Scarborough and Ryedale CCG
3. **What benefits could you see from a single CCG for North Yorkshire? Eg: efficiency savings/no postcode lottery.**

4. **What concerns do you have about a single CCG for North Yorkshire and how would you like us to address them? eg: losing the locality focus,**

5. **If you would like to subscribe to our newsletter and receive updates on the merger and other CCG news, please provide your email below:**

6. **Any further comments.**

Thank you for taking the time to provide us with your feedback

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