

North West Strategic Health Authority
NHS North West
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27th August 2010

RE: Timescale for Transforming Community Services - Stockport

Dear Sir/Madam,

Stockport LINK, speaking for the people of Stockport, has been impressed by the way in which NHS Stockport PCT has responded to the Government's insistence that Providing Healthcare is separated entirely from the Commissioning of Healthcare. Stockport LINK has been involved with the discussions from the start the PCT has been putting their plans forward for consideration; however, we have been unhappy with the timescale imposed by the Government. We, as patients and potential patients, require the best possible outcome in Transforming Community Services and not just Transferring Community Services.

The recent White Paper has changed the game and introduced some important new elements into the issue which must be properly considered. However, there has been no change to the timescales for Transforming Community Services.

We appeal against this ruling and ask that you be considerate to any request from Stockport to grant more time before insisting on a final solution. The White Paper has opened the way to new thinking and it would be short sighted in the extreme not to reflect this in the timescale.

Please advise the LINK of any revised timescales in this area.

Yours Faithfully

John Leach
Stockport LINK Chair

CC:

Department of Health

NHS Stockport Primary Care Trust

Care Quality Commission

Stockport Local Medical Council

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