

SUNDERLAND CARERS' MANAGEMENT BOARD
MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 12th NOVEMBER 2014

SUMMARY OF MAIN POINTS

1. Support during hospital inpatient episodes

Philip Foster, Managing Director of Care and Support Sunderland Limited (CSSL) had met with the Chief Nursing Officer at City Hospitals Sunderland, commissioner representatives from the Clinical Commissioning Group and Sunderland city Council, and the City Hospitals Sunderland lead for people with a learning disability. The issues raised by the CMB had been discussed. It was agreed that funding options would be explored and a further meeting would take place in the New Year.

2. Managing Directors Report

The CSSL Managing Director's Report was circulated. Regular reporting under the standard headings was presented by Philip Foster. A number of items of interest were highlighted and discussed:

- Options for the future of CSSL were presented. A report was to be submitted to the Sunderland City Council cabinet recommending the transfer of CSSL assets to the larger company 'Sunderland Care and Support' and the winding up of CSSL in April 2015. If this were agreed the CMB would continue with the same scope and responsibilities.
- Auckland Homes Solutions had purchased the nine homes formerly owned by Northumberland Tyne and Wear NHS Foundation Trust (NTW).

3. Personal budgets and deregistration

Two homes had been converted to independent supported living schemes with CQC approval. Reviews in a further two homes were nearing completion. Consultation had started on deregistration of homes that had been transferred from the ownership of NTW.

4. Monitoring compliance with the contract/service specification

The latest contract monitoring report from the Council was discussed. No carers' issues or concerns were raised.

5. Communication and dissemination of information

Information had been circulated to the wider group of carers who did not necessarily attend CMB meetings and would be posted to the website (www.sunderlandcarers.co.uk/cmb) along with summary versions of the minutes.