



## Changes to General Hospital to bring better healthcare for all

Residents and patients are invited by North Tyneside LINK to have their say on the future of hospital and community health services in North Tyneside on Tuesday 23 November from 10am to 1pm at The Parks, North Shields.

At the event the LINK team will ask people what is important to them when they visit hospital, what physical changes they want to see to hospital buildings or the layout of wards and how their care can be provided differently.

A representative from Northumbria Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust will set out their proposals to redevelop North Tyneside General Hospital and improve hospital and community health services. This follows the decision to move urgent care services for Northumberland and North Tyneside residents to a new emergency care hospital.

John Robson, Chair of North Tyneside LINK Board, said “This is an important opportunity for local residents to say what changes they want to see to hospital and community health care before decisions are made. We urge people to come and hear what is planned and give their ideas as to how local healthcare could be better for them and their families.”

## North Tyneside LINK Press Release

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LINK is a network of local people and groups who are interested in improving health and social care services across the borough. You do not have to be a LINK member to join in this event.

If you would like to become a member of LINK or are interested in learning more about its work, contact the team on 0191 200 1429, email [link@voda.org.uk](mailto:link@voda.org.uk) or visit the website [www.linknorthtyneside.org.uk](http://www.linknorthtyneside.org.uk). It is free to join and anyone with an interest in health and social care services in North Tyneside can become a member.

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Photo caption: John Robson, Chair of North Tyneside LINK Board

### Editor's notes

1. **Local Involvement Networks (LINKs)** were introduced by the Department of Health in April 2008 and aim to give communities a stronger voice in how their health and social care services are delivered. Run by local individuals and groups and independently supported - the role of LINKs is to find out what people want, monitor local services and to use their powers to hold them account. Visit [www.linknorthtyneside.org.uk](http://www.linknorthtyneside.org.uk) for more information.
2. North Tyneside LINK is hosted by North Tyneside VODA (Voluntary Organisation's Development Agency). VODA, the voluntary and community sector infrastructure body in North Tyneside, provides independent specialised support for voluntary and community groups and volunteers in the borough. This includes advice on setting up and developing community and voluntary groups, training, information, developing networks and partnerships, ICT and recruiting, placing and supporting volunteers. For more information visit [www.voda.org.uk](http://www.voda.org.uk).