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|    | <p>practices and factories and with other large employers.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• KT added that people should really be dialling 999 and not going to their GP's if they suspect a stroke but there is still a culture to do this.</li> </ul>  | exercise          |
| 5  | <p><b>Quality marker update</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The target is to get 90% of stroke patients onto the stroke unit – in April this figure was 74.9%</li> <li>• LC is monitoring follow up by Consultants after discharge. This should happen routinely within 6 weeks.</li> </ul>   | Lisa Cole         |
| 6. | <p><b>Accelerating Stroke Improvement Programme</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• This is a Department of Health initiative and aims to improve rehabilitation and long term support for stroke patients.</li> <li>• There are 9 measures which include Timely access to psychological support in the 6 months after a stroke, joint health and social care management (NHS and local authorities), assessment and review and early supported discharge.</li> <li>• There is the possibility of some funding to help implement this through the Cardiovascular Network.</li> <li>• KT brought up issues with staff not thoroughly understanding their role and BM added that there are great difficulties co-ordinating services between NHS and local authorities. KT asked why the Easington pilot had not been rolled out county wide. And LC confirmed the view that joint teams were needed and that separate services just don't work.</li> <li>• It was noted that there is always an assumption that the wife/husband/family will be good carers and some people just cannot do this role.</li> </ul> | Christine Scollen |
| 7. | <p><b>Stroke community rehabilitation update</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Stroke is in the 5 year strategic plan as a priority area. There is a specific focus on community rehabilitation and supported discharge, however, the whole pathway needs to be looked at. Consistency and equity of opportunity for all patients is the goal.</li> <li>• Mike lavender has been appointed as programme leader for Stroke services. He is a consultant in public health and very knowledgeable of older</li> </ul>  | Christine Scollen |

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|    | <p>persons issues including stroke. It is hoped he will be able to take the issues forward. CS pointed out that stroke services are very complex with multiple providers so this often caused time delays.</p>  |  |
| 8. | <p><b>Care Quality Commission Stroke Review</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• This will look at the pathway of care following admittance to hospital and will include care after discharge. Both the NHS and local authority have to complete the review. They will also review information given to patients when leaving hospital.</li> <li>• A Case File Review will take place in June/July and will examine patient experience for 6 weeks after discharge. The report will be completed by Autumn 2010.</li> <li>• The Centinal Stroke Audit is also looking at patient experience. This clinical audit will look at 60 patients since 1<sup>st</sup> April 2010.</li> </ul>   | <p>Christine Scollen<br/>See<br/><a href="http://www.cqc.org.uk/aboutcqc/whatwedo/improvinghealthandsocialcare/specialreviewsandstudies/reviewofstrokeservices2009/10.cfm">http://www.cqc.org.uk/aboutcqc/whatwedo/improvinghealthandsocialcare/specialreviewsandstudies/reviewofstrokeservices2009/10.cfm</a> for more info</p> |
| 9. | <p><b>New Stroke Booklet</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• LC showed a regionally produced booklet which will be given to stroke patients.</li> <li>• KT commented that whilst it covered the medical side of things it didn't help with the day to day stuff like where to buy specialist clothes, shoes etc.</li> <li>• JO added that the book had been written by the wrong people.</li> </ul>  | <p>Lisa Cole</p>   |
| 10 | <p><b>Stroke Association update</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• PM explained that the stroke association are carrying out a survey of patient experience prior and post Seizing the Future (StF). The results will be available in October 2010. CS pointed out that it was a shame the report wouldn't be completed in time for the final review of StF as it would have added real value to the figures, but PM added that the StF board were aware of the work he is doing.</li> <li>• KT brought up the Stroke News publication. She wondered if there was going to be a newsletter produced for families and stroke sufferers who were left profoundly disabled. PM confirmed that the Stroke News is aimed at giving positive messages about getting back to work and gaining independence.</li> </ul> | <p>Peter Moore</p>   |

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| 11 | <p><b>Any other business</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>BM asked why Darlington Borough Council weren't using the national FAST campaign. It has been reported that they are using an American version called STAR and whilst it gives the same guidance could cause confusion for members of the public. DL said she thought they had now stopped but would check.</li> </ul> | Diane Lax |
|    | <p><b>Date of next meeting:</b><br/> Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> September 2010 1pm – 3pm<br/> Venue TBC</p>   |           |