



Darlington LINK Newsletter

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Local Involvement Network

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Social Care in **Darlington**.

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Currently County Durham and **Darlington** Foundation Trust provide Hyper-acute Stroke Services at both **Darlington** Memorial Hospital (DMH) and University Hospital North Durham (UHND). The service is available 24/7 but is split between the sites alternating on a weekly basis which means stroke sufferers could be taken to either hospital depending on the rotation. (The Hyper-acute Stroke Service Care is the care that Stoke patients need within the three hour period post stroke. It is vital for those susceptible to the treatment for chances of a much improved recovery.)

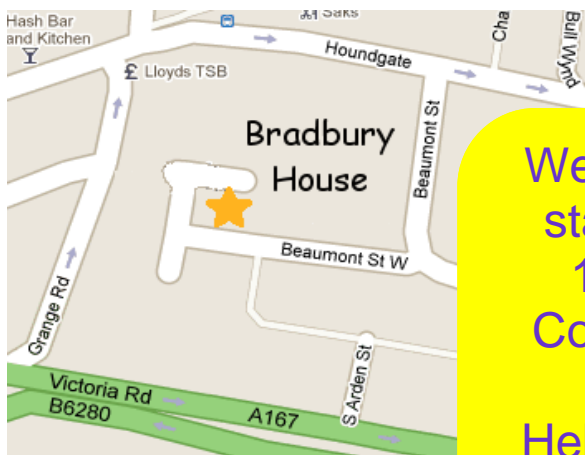
The Foundation Trust are reviewing the services provided in an attempt to make it more robust and sustainable. **LINK** members attended a meeting held by the Foundation Trust to hear some of the proposals under consideration. The desired result is a service deemed one of the best in the country. The Trust gave the people present details on the proposals with the preferred model being hyper-acute care offered at a single site of UHND. The opinion of the majority of people present was that this option would be the best one. The Trust will now take the proposals forward to the relevant Overview and Scrutiny Committees of both **Darlington** and County Durham to obtain their thoughts and propose that the single site model be rolled out for consultation to residents of both **Darlington** and County Durham for their views.

Darlington LINK will keep people informed about the consultations taking place but if you would like to get more involved contact us on 01325 380145.

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Darlington Stroke Club

Want to meet like minded people, of all ages, then join Darlington Stroke Club?



We meet every Monday
starting 21st February
10:30am to 2:30pm
Cost £2 which includes
tea/coffee.
Held at Bradbury House
Beaumont Street West

(See Map)

Contact Paul on
(01325) 362832



Darlington stroke club is a weekly social club held on Mondays at Bradbury house – 10:30am – 2.30pm.

Open to all ages, Darlington Stroke club is a place to meet like minded people, ask about what services Age UK offer, participate in activities and most importantly have fun. Our friendly volunteers will be on hand to help out where they can. There is also café in the building where people can buy their lunch, tea and coffee is provided.

For more details, contact Paul on 01325 362832