Merger: Learning from the Newcastle & Gateshead Clinical Commissioning Groups

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Drivers

- Patients flows
- Unprecedented levels of demand
- Significant system wide challenges
- Capacity and capability
Key learning from the journey

• Light touch …..rigorous planning
• Constitutional mandates
  – Sovereignty
  – Members voting schemes
• Partner and public engagement
• Balancing opportunity with loss
• Structures – roles and responsibilities
System Benefits

• Improved availability of clinical leaders
• Clinical leaders working across new geographies
  – “fresh pair of eyes”
  – Breakdown barriers to change
• Reduce bureaucracy
  – Governing Body
  – Executive Committee
  – Plans, contracts, audits
• Cope better with a turbulent financial environment
Better Outcomes for Patients

- More “joined up”
- Clarity and cohesiveness
- Standardise pathway and approaches
- Level up health opportunity and outcomes
- Identification, codification and spread of best practice
Merger Pack

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