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## **Stocksfield parish council - 18 April 2016**

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# Since June 2015

- All 999 ambulance and GP emergency admissions are directed to The Northumbria (Northumbria specialist emergency care hospital).
- A&E consultant presence 24/7
- Specialist consultant presence 8am-8pm, 7 days a week
  - Prevention of admission where possible – supported by senior decision making
  - Improved treatment outcomes and survival rates
  - Reduced time in hospital and reduced risk of re-admission
- On average 12 people per day from Hexham area attend The Northumbria or Newcastle RVI

# A&E attendances - Feb 2016

Site	Total attends	Ambulance arrivals	GP referrals
The Northumbria - emergency department	7612	3547	1304
North Tyneside - urgent care centre	2684	9	56
Wansbeck - urgent care centre	2410	20	27
Hexham - urgent care centre	1025	6	36
<b>TRUST TOTAL</b>	<b>13,731</b>	<b>3582</b>	<b>1423</b>

The trust saw a 30% increase in activity compared to February 2015 (this equates to 3,380 more patients being seen)

# The new model of emergency care

- Despite services being extremely busy, the new model of emergency care is working very well - exceeding expectations of clinicians
- More people who are seriously ill or injured are getting the right treatment sooner, with many not needing to stay in hospital at all.
- Since the Northumbria hospital opened there were 5,538 fewer admissions to hospital compared to the same period in 2014/15.
- Reductions in the average length of stay and readmission rates and fewer transfers back to base site hospitals.

# Hexham Hospital – a busy hospital!

- Urgent care centre 24/7 for minor injuries
  - Majority of attendances still at Hexham Hospital (2/3)
- Three inpatient wards
- Elderly assessment centre, day surgery and ambulatory care services
- Same out-patient clinics
- Same planned surgery



- For those admitted to hospital:
  - On average five people are transferred back to Hexham for on-going care each day (either from Newcastle or The Northumbria)
- Concerns re. Hexham wards being empty (medical)
  - Ward 2 has 27 beds – regularly has 23 patients
  - Ward 4 has 30 beds – regularly has 28 patients (based on bed occupancy figures)

# Activity at Hexham hospital

- To date this year there has been:
  - 14,653 first outpatient attendances (2.4% increase from last year)
  - 1,355 subsequent outpatient attendances (21.7% increase from last year)
  - 9,412 day treatment cases (9.4% increase from last year)
  - 1,303 elective operations and 1815 non-elective operations