



# Growing OH and Wellbeing NENC Welcome to the August project update!

Hoping your summer includes lots of family time, sunshine, laughter and fabulous memories.

Welcome to the August project update which is the summary of what the project team has been working on over the summer to move the project forward.

## Digital Solution

We are delighted to announce that the digital solution procurement process has begun.

The procurement team at County Durham and Darlington NHS FT has been appointed to lead the tendering process.



## Staff Engagement Sessions

We want to take the opportunity to thank the OH team at County Durham and Darlington NHS FT for organising the second staff engagement session that was held on 17th August 2022.

We look forward to holding further sessions at North Tees and Hartlepool NHS FT and South Tyneside and Sunderland NHS FT in the coming weeks.



## Service design sessions

Following the first core OH service design session at the end of May, we gathered again on 23rd August 2022 with representatives from the three participating Trusts. The decisions and actions from the last session around pre-employment checks, management referral, vaccination and the principles of health surveillance were reviewed with further discussions around management of needlestick injuries and driver's assessments.

## Health and wellbeing

In the last HWB task & finish group meeting which was held on 27th July; members were encouraged to share their ideas and discussed the potential options to allocate the available HWB funding to create a culture of wellbeing across the organisations. An options appraisal has been developed based on the five proposed options and been reviewed by the HWB task and finish group members.

1. Learn and Share
2. Health checks to prevent HWB issues
3. Line managers training on HWB
4. Create a positive working environment
5. Hydration assessment

Employee health checks and line managers training on HWB were selected as the two preferred options and the health and wellbeing task and finish group will meet on 30th September 2022 to agree on a strategy and implementation plan across the three organisations.



Please scan the QR barcode for more information on the "Growing OHWB-NENC" project.

