

## Newcastle & North Tyneside Local Medical Committee

General debate: 7<sup>th</sup> January 2014 – Developing General Practice Today

- *Seven-day services are coming and give us a clear goal of what to work towards*
- *Federated approach will be a vehicle for development*
- *Federated approach may lead to some practice mergers in time*
- *Like-mindedness most important for successful merger*
- *Integration especially horizontal is essential for the development*
- *Premises is a likely constraint*
- *Expansion of general practice by moving services from secondary care*
- *IT infrastructure underlies all successful developments*
- *Balance between patient need and patient want is needed*

The above points will inform the LMC in local and national discussions on developing general practice