What to consider before moving healthcare closer to home: a guide for NHS providers and commissioners

**ONE. Frame and diagnose the challenge**
Moving healthcare closer to home is not a one-size-fits-all solution. Start by thinking about why you need to change and what you want to achieve.

- Read our project summary
- Also read about:
  - The causes of A&E delays

**TWO. Generate options**
There are many points along the patient pathway where moving healthcare closer to home could deliver improvements.

- Read case studies of existing NHS schemes
- Also read about:
  - Improving productivity in elective care
  - Improving hospital flow to reduce length of stay (Nuffield Trust)

**THREE. Prioritise change**
Develop a realistic, evidence-based appraisal of how the benefits (for patients and finances) of any approach compare with the costs.

- Read about possible clinical impacts
- Assess and compare financial impacts

**FOUR. Deliver effective schemes**
There are some common challenges you will want to consider before setting up any scheme(s).

- Review implementation challenges and possible solutions
- Hear NHS staff talk about their experiences
- Also read about:
  - Developing payment systems that enable integrated care
  - Sharing gains and losses in contracts