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Update on Better Health Programme (BHP)

Summary

The Committee are requested to consider an update on the work of Better Health Programme Joint Health Scrutiny Committee.

Detail

1. The Better Health Programme is a major service transformation project covering healthcare based in County Durham, Tees Valley and parts of North Yorkshire. The Programme is centred on ensuring the quality of a range of urgent and acute hospital based services. The Programme has developed over several years and has now been included as a major element of the Sustainability and Transformation Plan (STP) that covers the same geographical area.
2. A Joint Committee consisting of Stockton, Durham, Darlington, Hartlepool, Middlesbrough, Redcar and Cleveland, and North Yorkshire Councils has been established to review the proposals, and eventually respond to the consultation that is planned in relation to service reconfiguration.
3. The minutes of the meeting on 19 January are attached at **Appendix 1**.
4. The meeting on 9 March considered the level of local authority engagement with the Programme to date (including with social care), examples of local integration of community based services, and the plans for consultation and engagement during the public consultation period. The public consultation will now start in September 2017.
5. All presentations have been circulated previously to the Committee and are available on request. Attached are a summary of the feedback from the local Directors of Adult Services (**Appendix 2**), and the proposed methods of public consultation (**Appendix 3**).
6. The next meeting will be scheduled for June following the election period.

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