

12 December 2017

**Review of NHS Commissioned Learning Disability, Complex Needs and/or
Autism Respite and Short Break Services - Update**

Summary

Hartlepool and Stockton-on-Tees, and South Tees CCGs have consulted on potential changes to NHS commissioned Respite Services.

This report updates the Committee on progress.

Detail

1. The Hartlepool and Stockton-on-Tees, and South Tees CCGs have launched a ten week public consultation in relation to NHS commissioned Learning Disability, Complex Needs and/or Autism Respite Services. The review is proposing changes to the way in which bed-based services are provided, the assessment processes, and development of other community based services.
2. Following the update to the Committee on 12 September, and agreement that the proposals represent a substantial variation to local health services, a statutory Joint Committee has been formed with the other affected local Councils. Minutes of first meeting on 11 October are attached at **Appendix 1**.
3. The public consultation ended on 10 November, and the Joint Committee continues to meet to develop its response.
4. The Joint Committee met on 20 November to consider further information from the CCGs in relation to the progress of the public consultation and the development of options, information from Adult Social Care, and parent and carer representatives.
5. The next meeting of the Joint Committee is scheduled for 14 December. The Committee will be presented with the results of the public consultation, and consider the main themes for its consultation response.
6. In line with standard practice at Stockton for responding to substantial variations, Stockton's element of the joint consultation response will be prepared and considered by Council for agreement, prior to submission to the CCGs.

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