

## SCRUTINY REVIEW OF HOSPITAL DISCHARGE (PHASE 1)

### Summary

The first main evidence-gathering for phase 1 of this review will involve contributions from representatives of North Tees and Hartlepool NHS Foundation Trust (NTHFT), and a written submission from South Tees Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust (STHFT).

### Detail

1. To supplement the evidence presented at this Committee meeting, Members are directed to the following background papers (links provided):
  - NHS – Next Steps on NHS Response to Covid-19 (17<sup>th</sup> Mar 20)  
<https://www.england.nhs.uk/coronavirus/wp-content/uploads/sites/52/2020/03/urgent-next-steps-on-nhs-response-to-covid-19-letter-simon-stevens.pdf>
  - COVID-19 hospital discharge service requirements (19<sup>th</sup> Mar 20)  
[https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/911541/COVID-19\\_hospital\\_discharge\\_service\\_requirements\\_2.pdf](https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/911541/COVID-19_hospital_discharge_service_requirements_2.pdf)
  - NHS Providers – Spotlight on recent discharges into care home (19<sup>th</sup> May 20)  
<https://nhsproviders.org/media/689548/spotlight-on-recent-discharges-into-care-homes-nhs-providers.pdf>
  - Full Fact – Discharge to Care Homes (16<sup>th</sup> Jun 20)  
<https://fullfact.org/health/coronavirus-care-homes-discharge/>
  - GOV.UK – Hospital discharge service guidance (21<sup>st</sup> Aug 20)  
<https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/hospital-discharge-service-guidance>
2. Both NTHFT and STHFT have been asked to provide responses to the following key lines of enquiry:
  - What guidance did the Trust receive regarding discharge to care homes during the escalating Covid-19 outbreak in the UK (including how and when this was disseminated)? Did this change over time?
  - What was the process around hospital discharge, and how was this communicated between key partners (i.e. care homes, Local Authority)?
  - What factors were put in place to keep people safe, and how did key partners work together to address concerns?
  - What can be learned ahead of an anticipated second Covid-19 surge?

3. A copy of the agreed scope and plan for this review is included for information.

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