

Agenda Item

Adult Social Care and Health Select Committee

17th November 2020

REGIONAL HEALTH SCRUTINY UPDATE

Summary

The Committee is requested to consider an update on the work of the regional health committees.

Detail

Tees Valley Joint Health Scrutiny Committee

1. Hartlepool Borough Council chaired and supported this Committee during 2019-2020. The minutes from the January 2020 and March 2020 meetings are attached at **Appendix 1** (Jan 20) and **Appendix 2** (Mar 20).
2. Under rotational arrangements, Redcar and Cleveland Borough Council assumed the role of chairing and supporting this Committee for 2020-2021. However, due to the emergence of COVID-19, the usual cycle of meetings was disrupted. The first meeting of the current municipal year took place on the 18th September 2020 and the Committee discussed the following:
 - Appointment of Chair and Vice Chair
 - Committee Terms of Reference
 - Quarterly Account 2019-2020 – *Tees, Esk & Wear Valleys NHS Foundation Trust (TEWV)*
 - Work Programme / Meeting Timetable

The TEWV presentation from the meeting (previously circulated with the agenda for the September 2020 meeting) is attached at **Appendix 3**.

3. The next Committee meeting is scheduled for the 20th November 2020 (TBC) and is anticipated to cover items including updates on local COVID-19 responses across the Tees Valley, Tees and Darlington Suicide Prevention Plans, Teesside Rehabilitation Services Development, and a West Lane Hospital Update.
4. For information, the North East Ambulance Service (NEAS) NHS Foundation Trust (who report to the Committee) held its AGM on the 24th September 2020. Discussion topics included plans in place for winter, the protection of vulnerable / BAME staff during a second COVID-19 surge, the rise in staff assaults whilst treating patients, PPE availability, the welfare of home-working staff, 111 demand and signposting, and the general workforce situation.

The NEAS review of the year for 2019-2020 is available at the following link:
https://www.neas.nhs.uk/media/173949/neas_0920_review_2020.pdf

Sustainability and Transformation Plan Joint Health Scrutiny Committee

5. Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council is represented on this Joint Committee that was originally set-up to consider the Better Health Programme proposals. This statutory Joint Committee was formed by all seven affected Authorities (including North Yorkshire) in order to consider and respond to the planned consultation. These plans were subsequently incorporated into the regional Sustainability and Transformation Plan.
6. Regional NHS planning was being taken forward within the context of the Integrated Care System (ICS). A meeting of the Joint Committee was scheduled for the 26th November 2019, but the General Election in December 2019 prevented this from taking place as planned. The emergence of COVID-19 has, to date, further prohibited the re-arrangement of a Joint Committee meeting.

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7. No meetings are currently scheduled.

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