

Agenda Item

Adult Social Care and Health Select Committee

12th October 2021

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. Middlesbrough Borough Council are chairing and supporting this Committee during 2021-2022.
2. The first Committee meeting for the current municipal year took place on the 22nd June 2021. Consideration was given to the following:

- Minutes of the previous meeting on the 19th March 2021 (**Appendix 1**)
- Protocol for the Committee
- TEWV: Quality Accounts 2020-2021
(https://www.tewv.nhs.uk/content/uploads/2021/06/2020-2021_Quality-Account_Tees-Esk-and-Wear-Valleys-NHS-FT.pdf)

With reference to the last bullet-point above, pages 101-103 (marked pages 100-102) of the attached link detail the Committee's third-party statement which was submitted to TEWV following the meeting.

3. The Committee last met on the 24th September 2021 and considered the following items:
 - Minutes of the previous meeting on the 22nd June 2021 (**Appendix 2**)
 - Cumbria, Northumberland, Tyne & Wear NHS Foundation Trust (CNTW) / Tees, Esk & Wear Valleys NHS Foundation Trust (TEWV) Updates:
 - CAMHS at Acklam Road Hospital / Lotus Ward Admissions 2021-2022
 - Respite and Short Break provision (deferred)
 - TEWV Performance 2021/2022 – Q1 (deferred)
 - Community Mental Health Transformation Programme (**Appendix 3**)
 - Local NHS / Public Health response to COVID-19 (**Appendix 4**)

During discussion on the latter bullet-point above, a query was raised in relation to the most up-to-date guidance in respect of the COVID vaccine in pregnancy. A link to the main source of information and guidance currently used by maternity services was provided to the Committee after the meeting (<https://www.rcog.org.uk/en/guidelines-research-services/coronavirus-covid-19-pregnancy-and-womens-health/covid-19-vaccines-and-pregnancy/covid-19-vaccines-pregnancy-and-breastfeeding/>).

Sustainability and Transformation Plan Joint Health Scrutiny Committee

4. Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council (SBC) 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 (STP).
5. Regional NHS planning was being taken forward within the context of the Integrated Care System (ICS). A response to the NHS England / Improvement Consultation on ICS Development (signed off by the Chair on behalf of the Joint Committee) was received on the 29th January 2021 – this was shared with the Council's Joint Committee representatives and the relevant Cabinet Members and Directors.
6. Further to the publication of the Government's Health and Care Bill White Paper, a meeting of the Joint Committee was intended – however, this could not be arranged prior to the purdah period ahead of the 2021 elections. Confirmation of the next meeting date is still awaited, though some relevant links to developments around the ICS agenda have been included below for information:

- Integrated Care Systems (ICS): design framework (published June 2021)
<https://www.england.nhs.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/06/B0642-ics-design-framework-june-2021.pdf>
- Interim guidance on the functions and governance of the integrated care board (ICB) (published August 2021)
https://www.england.nhs.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/06/B0886_Interim-guidance-on-the-functions-and-governance-of-the-integrated-care-board-August-2021.pdf
- Integrated Care Partnership (ICP) engagement document: Initial expectations for the role of Integrated Care Partnerships (ICPs) within Integrated Care Systems (ICSs) (published September 2021)
<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/integrated-care-partnership-icp-engagement-document>

(note: under the 'Next Steps' (practical steps for implementation) section, the guidance includes an indicative date of October 2021 for NHS and Local Authority leaders to reach agreement as to how the ICP will be established and a secretariat resourced, at least during the 2021-2022 transition year).

- LGA (Local Government Association) responds to publication of ICS Design Framework (June 2021)
<https://local.gov.uk/about/news/lga-responds-publication-ics-design-framework>
- Centre for Governance and Scrutiny (CfGS) concerns regarding the overarching Health and Care Bill and its impact on scrutiny powers (July 2021)
<https://www.cfgs.org.uk/an-update-on-the-health-and-care-bill/>

- CfGS evidence submission to the Health and Care Public Bill Committee (September 2021)
<https://www.cfgs.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021-09-09-parliamentary-briefing-hscb.pdf>

North East Regional Health Scrutiny Committee

7. No meetings are currently scheduled.

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