

## Agenda Item

### Adult Social Care and Health Select Committee

18<sup>th</sup> January 2022

## 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 Committee last met on the 10<sup>th</sup> December 2021 and considered the following items:
  - Minutes of the previous meeting on the 24<sup>th</sup> September 2021 (**Appendix 1**) (note: agreement of these was deferred until the next Committee meeting due to the delay in getting them circulated to Members)
  - Local NHS / Public Health response to COVID-19 (verbal)
  - Tees Valley Clinical Commissioning Group updates (**Appendix 2**):
    - Learning Disabilities Respite Review
    - Breast Diagnostic Services
  - TVJHSC visit to Lotus Ward, Acklam Road Hospital (9<sup>th</sup> Dec 21) (verbal)
  - North East Ambulance Service (NEAS) – Performance Update

During the verbal '*Local NHS / Public Health response to COVID-19*' update, concerns were raised in relation to the existing locations of some of the COVID-19 vaccination pop-up sites. Members were encouraged to feed-in any views on these (along with any alternative proposals) to their respective Public Health teams.

Under '*Any urgent items which in the opinion of the Chair can be considered*', a potential future area of scrutiny for the Committee was raised around opioid dependency (this was a topic which had been investigated by Middlesbrough's health scrutiny panel in 2021).

#### Sustainability and Transformation Plan Joint Health Scrutiny Committee

3. 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).

4. 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 29<sup>th</sup> January 2021 – this was shared with the Council's Joint Committee representatives and the relevant Cabinet Members and Directors.
5. 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.
6. NHS operational planning guidance 2022-2023 (see link below) was published on the 24<sup>th</sup> December 2021 – this confirmed that, given the uncertainty of the time frame for the passage of the Health and Care Bill, the move to place ICSs on a statutory footing will be pushed back to the 1<sup>st</sup> July 2022.

<https://www.england.nhs.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/12/B1160-2022-23-priorities-and-operational-planning-guidance.pdf>

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7. No meetings are currently scheduled.

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