

Agenda Item

Adult Social Care and Health Select Committee

15th February 2022

TEES, ESK AND WEAR VALLEYS NHS FOUNDATION TRUST – RESPONSE TO RECENT CQC INSPECTION

Summary

Representatives of Tees, Esk and Wear Valleys NHS Foundation Trust (TEWV) have been invited to address the Committee following recent concerns raised by the Care Quality Commission (CQC), specifically in relation to the Trust's forensic inpatient or secure wards and specialist community mental health services for children and young people.

Detail

1. In June 2021, the TEWV Director of Operations (Teesside) addressed the Committee following concerns raised by the CQC in relation to an unannounced inspection of TEWV adult inpatient wards in January 2021.
2. In mid-2021, the CQC carried out an unannounced inspection of TEWV's forensic inpatient wards because they were made aware of a number of issues including unsafe staffing numbers and poor culture within the service. They also carried out short-notice (24-hours' notice) announced inspections of community mental health services for working age adults, crisis and health-based places of safety, and community child and adolescent mental health services because they received information giving them concerns about the safety and quality of these services. The report, published in December 2021, can be accessed via the following link:

- <https://api.cqc.org.uk/public/v1/reports/39d313da-63b8-4a46-a423-11f1958c89b0?20211223164650>

At this inspection, the CQC rated one of the four core services they inspected as 'inadequate', two as 'requires improvement', and one as 'good'. Findings regarding each service can be found in the CQC report (link above) at:

- Page 30-43: Community-based mental health services for adults of working age – **Requires Improvement**
- Page 44-66: Forensic inpatient or secure wards – **Inadequate**
- Page 67-86: Mental health crisis services and health-based places of safety – **Good**
- Page 87-105: Specialist community mental health services for children and young people – **Requires Improvement**

Following this inspection, the CQC issued a warning notice, under Section 29A of the Health and Social Care Act 2008, on the 23rd August 2021. This identified specific areas that the Trust must improve and set an overall date for compliance of the 1st March 2022. Some areas for improvement had a compliance date of 1st November 2021. The Trust had taken steps to make the required improvements. For more information on action the CQC have taken, see the sections on 'Areas for improvement'.

3. A motion was considered at the last full Council meeting on the 26th January 2022 proposing that:

'Council will write to the Secretary for Health and the Chief Executive of NHS England to call for a public enquiry into the continued failings and lack of notable improvement of Tees Esk and Wear Valley NHS Trust (TEWV)'

Following a proposed amendment, Council agreed to an insert at the beginning of the above motion:

'Subject to detailed consideration and determination by our Adult Social Care and Health Select Committee and / or the Tees Valley Health Scrutiny Committee'

4. Senior representatives from TEWV were therefore invited to this meeting to present their response to the concerns raised by the CQC and the ongoing efforts to address these concerns. The TEWV Chief Executive, supported by the TEWV Chairman and TEWV Interim Director of Operations (Teesside), will be in attendance and a presentation has been provided for consideration (see attached).

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