

Agenda Item

Adult Social Care and Health Select Committee

22nd November 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. Darlington Borough Council are chairing and supporting this Committee during 2022-2023.
2. The last meeting was held on the 23rd September 2022 where the Committee considered the following agenda items:
 - Appointment of the Committee Chair (Cllr Mary Layton) and Vice-Chair (Cllr Evaline Cunningham) for 2022-2023
 - Minutes of the meeting held on the 8th June 2022 (see **Appendix 1**)
 - Tees, Esk and Wear Valley NHS Foundation Trust (TEWV) – Clinical and Quality Journey (see **Appendix 2**)
 - North East and North Cumbria Integrated Care Board (NENC ICB) and System Implementation – Guidance on the formation of Integrated Care Partnerships (ICPs) (see **Appendix 3**)
 - Urgent and Emergency Care Access
 - Paediatric Ophthalmology Services (see **Appendix 4**)

Regarding the TEWV Clinical and Quality Journey presentation, the new TEWV Chair reinforced his five main priorities ('touchpoints') upon taking up this role, namely rebuilding trust, ensuring evidence of progress, co-creation, recruitment and retention, and being a good partner. Attention was also drawn to the provision of community hubs involving a collection of services which people can access for support – this is being piloted in Hartlepool from October 2022, with the intention that all Tees Valley areas will have these by summer 2023.

In relation to the previous request from Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council (as endorsed by the SBC Executive Scrutiny Committee) for a Tees Valley-wide review of children's mental health, a CAMHS update had been added to the Committee's work programme, though had yet to be formally scheduled.

3. To enable the Committee to learn more about local health-related statistics, an informal briefing session was held in early-November 2022 which included key data being used to inform proposals for Urgent and Emergency Care, along with a further Integrated Care System (ICS) update.
4. The next Committee meeting is scheduled for the 16th December 2022. The agenda is still to be confirmed but is anticipated to include a North East Ambulance Service (NEAS) performance update and a general overview of winter preparations.

Sustainability and Transformation Plan / Integrated Care System Joint Health Scrutiny Committee

5. 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).
6. Regional NHS planning was subsequently 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 SBC Cabinet Members and Directors.
7. 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.
8. Following a lengthy hiatus, Durham County Council (who support this Joint Committee) contacted scrutiny teams across the region in November 2022 with the intention of arranging a meeting for late-November / early-December 2022. However, following liaison with senior NENC ICB representatives, it was deemed that in light of the ongoing ICS briefings to the Tees Valley Joint Health Scrutiny Committee, a meeting of this Joint Committee (which involved similar Councillors) was likely to be a duplication and would not add value.
9. In related matters, the NENC ICP (a committee of the ICB and the thirteen Local Authorities from across the North East and North Cumbria) is seeking views on their new draft integrated care strategy. The strategy can be viewed on their [website](#) and views can be emailed to them via necsu.icpstrategy2022@nhs.net or by completing their short online survey (https://necs.onlinesurveys.ac.uk/icp_strategy_survey) by the 25th November 2022.
10. From a wider perspective, in September 2022, the Centre for Governance and Scrutiny (CfGS) produced a paper to support ongoing discussion about the content of Regulations and statutory guidance relating to health scrutiny, further to the Health and Care Act 2022 – please see below:
 - <https://www.cfgs.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2022-09-29-health-act-discussion-paper-final.pdf>

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11. No meetings are currently scheduled.

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