

## Agenda Item

### Adult Social Care and Health Select Committee

17 January 2023

## 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 16 December 2022 where the Committee considered the following agenda items:
  - Minutes of the meeting held on 23 September 2022 (see **Appendix 1**)
  - North East and North Cumbria Integrated Care Board (NENC ICB): Winter Planning, Integrated Urgent Care Engagement, Vaccinations, and Primary Care Access
  - North East Ambulance Service (NEAS): Performance Update (see **Appendix 2** for additional presentation circulated prior to the meeting)
  - Tees, Esk and Wear Valleys NHS Foundation Trust (TEWV): Quality Account Q2 Update
  - Tees, Esk and Wear Valleys NHS Foundation Trust (TEWV): Care Quality Commission (CQC) Inspection Update (see **Appendix 3**)

During the NEAS performance update, discussion ensued around handover delays at the three Tees Valley hospitals (much less of an issue for the University Hospital of North Tees, though the situation had become more challenging in recent months). NEAS highlighted the frustration of ambulance staff who were unable to do their job (adversely affecting morale), and following a Member query on the impact of delays on patient welfare, circulated a November 2021 national report regarding patient outcomes due to delayed hospital handover (see <https://aace.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/11/AACE-Delayed-hospital-handovers-Impact-assessment-of-patient-harm-FINAL-Nov-2021.pdf>).

Responding to TEWVs CQC inspection update, Members, noting the CQCs verbal statement that 'no further regulatory intervention' was required following their re-inspection of TEWVs secure inpatient services, cautioned against the Trust losing its focus on the drive to keep improving. Similarly, the Committee

stressed the importance of robust oversight / governance of the whole of TEWV rather than merely reacting to poor CQC findings which can lead to a spotlight on one area whilst other services deteriorate.

3. The next Committee meeting is scheduled for 17 March 2023. The agenda is still to be confirmed but is anticipated to include items on the Tees Valley Clinical Services Strategy, TEWV Quality Accounts, Breast Symptomatic Services, Dental Services, and Community Diagnostics Centres.

#### *Tees, Esk and Wear Valleys NHS Foundation Trust (TEWV) Annual General Meeting (AGM)*

4. TEWV held its latest AGM on 25 November 2022. Due to the rise in COVID-19 and winter flu numbers across the region, the Trust made the decision to hold this meeting virtually – a recording of proceedings can be accessed via <https://www.tewv.nhs.uk/get-involved/membership/agm/>.
5. During the Lived Experience Q&A item, attention was drawn to the lack of national progress on actions which arose from the CQCs *Out of sight – who cares?* report (October 2020) following a review of restraint, seclusion and segregation for autistic people, and people with a learning disability and / or mental health condition. Concerns around TEWVs volume of restraints have previously been raised at the Tees Valley Joint Health Scrutiny Committee.

A link to the original report, and a subsequent publication on progress, are accessible at the following links:

- [https://www.cqc.org.uk/sites/default/files/20201218\\_rssreview\\_report.pdf](https://www.cqc.org.uk/sites/default/files/20201218_rssreview_report.pdf) (initial report)
- [https://www.cqc.org.uk/sites/default/files/20220325\\_rssreview-progress-march\\_print.pdf](https://www.cqc.org.uk/sites/default/files/20220325_rssreview-progress-march_print.pdf) (progress report)

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

6. 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.
7. In related matters, after a period of consultation at the end of 2022 (outlined as part of the previous Regional Health Scrutiny Update in November 2022), the North East and North Cumbria Integrated Care Partnership (NENC ICP) (a committee of the ICB and the thirteen Local Authorities from across the North East and North Cumbria) agreed its Integrated Care Strategy in December 2022 (see <https://northeastnorthcumbria.nhs.uk/media/3i3btbz2/final-nenc-integrated-care-strategy-16-december-2022.pdf>).

An independent report summarising feedback from stakeholders and the public about this plan was also published and can also be accessed at <https://northeastnorthcumbria.nhs.uk/media/qj2pfqgd/icp-draft-survey-public-and-stakeholder-engagement-final-report-draft-v1-3-6-12-12.pdf>.

A summary of the Integrated Care Strategy, and an easier to read version, will be produced and launched in January 2023.

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8. No meetings are currently scheduled.

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