

**STOCKTON-ON-TEES BOROUGH COUNCIL**

**CABINET RECOMMENDATIONS**

**PROFORMA**

Cabinet Meeting .....19th May 2016

1. Title of Item/Report

Scrutiny Review of Access to Services for People with Learning Disabilities and/or Autism

2. Record of the Decision

Consideration was given to a report that presented the outcomes of the Adult Services and Health Select Committee's review of access to services for people with learning disabilities and / or Autism. The aim of the review was to examine two main issues: the uptake of GP-led annual health checks for people with learning disabilities, and the general accessibility of universal, community services for people with learning disabilities and/or autism.

The Council had a statutory obligation to meet identified need for those clients assessed as being eligible for social care, and this included adults with learning disabilities and/or autism. This review did not focus on the provision of adult social care services, but in the type of services that may be accessed by any member of the community.

RESOLVED that:-

1. a) Practices performing well on GP-led health checks for people with learning disabilities should share good practice with others in the Borough, and;  
b) information on the role of Health Facilitators and other sources of support be circulated to all practices and health providers
  
2. a) Health check uptake should be included in the performance monitoring processes of the Committee, and the Health and Wellbeing Board system;  
b) the CCG should take steps to address the gap in performance management activity, and  
c) Practices should be publically identified in relation to their health check performance
  
3. The new Hartlepool and Stockton-on-Tees GP Federation should work in partnership with its shareholders to make the uptake of the

GP-led health checks an early focus of its performance improvement activity

4. Each Practice should have a named clinical lead for Learning Disabilities
5. Further work to improve communication of learning disability status between primary and secondary care should take place
6. Council commissioners of relevant universal services (for example, but not limited to, Public Health) should engage with providers and establish a position on what is expected for services to people with Learning Disabilities / Autism, including reasonable adjustments.
7. All relevant/frontline Council community based services should undertake autism and learning disability customer awareness training
  8.
    - a) The Council should use its engagement with Public Transport Providers to highlight the needs of those with learning disabilities and/or autism, and this work should include further improvements to accessibility (for example, building on the Fast Pass scheme operated in Yorkshire, and familiarisation visits);
    - b) Committee supports the planned client engagement work by Adult Services to better understand the barriers to independent use of public transport
9. The support provided by DWP to people with learning disabilities and/or autism in receipt of benefits, including Universal Credit, should be specifically monitored by People Committee as part of its ongoing Welfare Reform Monitoring work
10.
  - a) Committee supports and encourages the work to further develop and raise awareness of the Safe Place Scheme, and
  - b) Committee supports work to promote the benefits of having an 'alert card' to indicate to services any particular individual needs that people may have
11. The Committee supports and encourages the work undertaken by Community Safety and Police to tackle hate crime.
12. Awareness should be raised within the Council of the need for appropriate personal care and changing facilities for people with complex needs in order to improve access to more community based activities. This could be through inclusion in specifications for new developments or changes to existing buildings where appropriate and subject to funding availability.

3. Reasons for the Decision

The report presents the findings of the scrutiny review that took place as part of the agreed work programme for 2015-16.

4. Alternative Options Considered and Rejected

None

5. Declared (Cabinet Member) Conflicts of Interest

Councillor Steve Nelson declared a personal non prejudicial interest in agenda item 5 – Scrutiny Review of Access to Services for people with Learning Disabilities and/or Autism as he was a Thirteen Board Director.

Councillor Norma Wilburn declared a personal non prejudicial interest in item agenda item 5 – Scrutiny Review of Access to Services for people with Learning Disabilities and/or Autism as her grandson was supported by some of the services.

6. Details of any Dispensations

N/A

7. Date and Time by which Call In must be executed

Midnight, 27th May 2016

Proper Officer  
23 May 2016