

STOCKTON-ON-TEES BOROUGH COUNCIL

CABINET RECOMMENDATIONS

PROFORMA

Cabinet Meeting12th November 2020

1. Title of Item/Report

Adult Social Care and Health Select Committee - Scrutiny Review of Hospital Discharge (Phase 1)

2. Record of the Decision

Consideration was given to the final report that presented the outcomes of the Adult Social Care & Health Select Committee review of Hospital Discharge (Phase 1).

The Chair of the Select Committee and Cabinet members wished to place on record their thanks and appreciation to all who contributed to this review, and in particular to the Care Homes that took part, and to the officers who lent their support.

RESOLVED that:-

1) There is continued regular engagement between local NHS Trusts, SBC and care providers regarding escalation-planning and how this will be managed, with arrangements to be agreed by all stakeholders.

2) North Tees and Hartlepool NHS Foundation Trust provide a prompt response to the communication issues raised by care homes through the survey undertaken as part of this review.

3) The recently issued 'designated settings' guidance (for discharge of positive COVID-19 cases from hospital to CQC-approved care home accommodation) be fully implemented.

4) Planning for the use of the Council's Rosedale Centre (a recently CQC-approved 'designated setting') for a second surge takes into account the possibility of higher demand than what was required from March 2020.

5) Local leaders support the desired expansion and funding of local Trust testing capabilities, and that any increase in capacity be prioritised for both Trust and care home staff and patients / residents.

6) Regular testing of care home staff and residents is supported, with a continued push for a quicker turnaround in the notification of test results.

7) The latest guidance from the UK Government, in conjunction with recognised best practice, is fully understood and acted upon by key partners, and is considered during the regular dialogue that takes place between health and social care services.

3. Reasons for the Decision

This topic was included in the Scrutiny Work Programme for 2019-2020, though originally began with a focus on hospital discharge to an individual's own home. Following the emergence of COVID-19, the Committee agreed to split the review into two phases – phase 1 would be a short focused piece of work on discharge to care homes during the pandemic, followed by a resumption of the originally agreed scope (phase 2) (discharge to an individual's own home). The first phase of the review is now complete and the recommendations have been endorsed by the Adult Social Care and Health Select Committee for submission to Cabinet.

4. Alternative Options Considered and Rejected

None

5. Declared (Cabinet Member) Conflicts of Interest

Councillor Nigel Cooke declared a personal, non-prejudicial interest in respect of this item as a result of his employment with the TEWV F.T.

Councillor Ann McCoy also declared a personal, non-prejudicial interest in respect of the same item being a member on the TEWV Board.

6. Details of any Dispensations

N/A

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

Midnight Friday 20th November 2020.

Proper Officer
16 November 2020