

**STOCKTON-ON-TEES BOROUGH COUNCIL**

**CABINET RECOMMENDATIONS**

**PROFORMA**

Cabinet Meeting .....15th July 2021

1. Title of Item/Report

Adult Social Care and Health Select Committee - Scrutiny Review of Hospital Discharge (Phase 2)

2. Record of the Decision

Consideration was given to the final report that presented the outcome of the Adult Social Care & Health Select Committee review of Hospital Discharge (Phase 2).

RESOLVED that:-

1) Where not already supplied (e.g. specialist teams), consideration be given to providing the name of a designated hospital staff member/s (i.e. those involved in the care of an individual whilst in hospital) for a former patient to contact rather than / in addition to a general ward number;

2) Existing arrangements around the identification of carers when they themselves are admitted to hospital for treatment, as well as options for post-discharge support until they can resume their caring role, be reviewed by all relevant partners to ensure a joined-up approach;

3) Local NHS Trusts develop relationships with Eastern Ravens in order to strengthen the identification, inclusion and support of young carers in the discharge process;

4) Local NHS Trusts make clear to patients and their families / carers whether (and by when) they will receive a follow-up after being discharged, and, for those not requiring immediate health and / or care input, provide appropriate information on who to contact if any significant issues are identified on return home and / or for future post-discharge support (i.e. GP, Community Hub, VCSE links, etc.);

5) Local NHS Trusts / Healthwatch Stockton-on-Tees provide the Committee with any available discharge-specific feedback from patients / families / carers in relation to those discharged back to their own homes;

6) Local NHS Trusts ensure that the identification of any transport requirements enabling subsequent discharge is a key part of all initial and subsequent patient assessments, and, where necessary, is supported when an individual can be transferred out of hospital;

7) A future update on the NTHFT Home But Not Alone pilot (due to re-start in June 2021) and the Five Lamps Home from Hospital initiative be provided to the Committee, including feedback from those individuals the initiative has supported.

3. Reasons for the Decision

This topic was included in the Scrutiny Work Programme for 2019-2020 with the sole 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 (the final report of which was presented to Cabinet in November 2020), followed by a resumption of the originally agreed scope (phase 2) (discharge to an individual's own home). The second 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 Cooke declared a personal, non-prejudicial interest in respect of this item as a result of his employment with TEEWV referred to within the report. Councillor Beall similarly declared a personal, non-prejudicial interest in respect of the same item as he was a nominated person representative on Hartlepool & North Tees Foundation Trust, similarly referred to within the report.

6. Details of any Dispensations

N/A

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

Midnight-Friday 23rd July 2021

Proper Officer  
19 July 2021