Minute Extract

Consultation on the future use of Lustrum Vale Older People's Mental Health Unit

As a statutory consultee, the Adult Services and Health Select Committee had considered the consultation on the proposed changes to older people's mental health (OPMH) services.

The consultation on the proposed changes to older people's mental health (OPMH) services and the future use of Lustrum Vale in-patient unit had been running from 8 February to 9 May 2012.

The Committee regarded the proposals as constituting a substantial variation to local health services and therefore under the Council's Constitution, the Committee's consultation response needed to be endorsed by Council.

In addition to responding to the specific issues raised in the consultation the Committee had considered whether:

- as a statutory body, the Scrutiny Committee has been properly consulted;
- in developing the proposals for service changes, the health body concerned has taken into account the public interest through appropriate patient and public involvement and consultation;
- a proposal for change was in the interests of the local health service.

The Committee had met on 6th March, 2012 and held discussions with NHS Tees, Tees, Esk and Wear Valleys (TEWV) NHS Foundation Trust, and North Tees and Hartlepool NHS Foundation Trust.

The Committee had sought views from the shadow Health and Wellbeing Board, and the North Tees CCG in order to ensure that they were appropriately involved in the consultation and commissioning process. Stockton LINk were also invited to contribute to the discussions.

All Members had been made aware of the consultation proposals and invited to submit comments either in their own right or to the Committee.

Members considered their final response which would be submitted to Council on 2 May, 2012 for endorsement.

AGREED that the Adult Service and Health Select Committee's final response to the consultation be approved and submitted to full Council for endorsement on 2nd May 2012.