

Health Select Committee

Update to Executive Scrutiny Committee – 10 June 2009

EIT Programme - Fair Access to Care

Update on Progress (including issues/ problems/ successes)

The Committee considered the scope and project plan for the review of FACS at a meeting on 18 May, alongside initial baseline information, and additional research provided by the IDeA.

The Committee will consider more detailed financial and user information at the next meeting, in order to increase its knowledge of the baseline information. It is intended to invite officers from other authorities to future meetings, in order to learn about social care in other areas and their experiences of operating a range of FACS bandings.

Timescales

The FACS review is scheduled to report in February 2010. The Audiology review has been endorsed by Cabinet, and will be reported to the Tees PCT Procurement Board in July.

Monitoring

There are no upcoming monitoring reports.

Other Work

Stockton LINK - The Chair and scrutiny officers have met with the interim Chair of the LINK and representatives of the Shaw Trust (host organisation). The LINK is currently at a transitional stage. There will be a launch event on 11 June at the Central Library, and all Members have been invited. Following the launch event, an election will be held for members of the core committee.

It was suggested that it would be useful for members of the LINK to attend meetings of the Committee, and vice versa. There will also be the opportunity to look at working protocols between scrutiny and the LINK, in order to ensure that there is co-ordination of work programmes, and efficient exchanges of information.

North East Ambulance Services (NEAS) – Foundation Trust Application –The NEAS are to commence a period of consultation on their application for Foundation Trust status, on 5 June. The Committee have agreed that this matter should be considered on a joint basis by the Tees Valley Health Scrutiny Joint Committee with input to a regional scrutiny body as appropriate.

The Chair of Health Select Committee will be taking the chair of the Joint Committee for this municipal year.

As part of the consultation, a presentation by NEAS to all Tees Valley councillors (in addition to any scrutiny work that will take place) will be organised in due course. This will be hosted by the Joint Committee.