

Health Select Committee

Update to Executive Scrutiny Committee – 16 February 2010

EIT Programme - Fair Access to Care Services (FACS)

Update on Progress (including issues/ problems/ successes)

The Committee awaits clarification of the timescales for the consultation that will need to take place as part of the EIT review of FACS. The Committee will be presented with the consultation plans for agreement ahead of the start of the consultation period. The consultation results will be considered ahead of reporting to Cabinet with the Committee's final report.

Timescales

The project plan will be reviewed following discussion in relation to the consultation process.

Monitoring

Members are due to receive quarterly updates on the review of Alcohol Services, and Dentistry at the meeting of 8 March.

Other Work

The overview meeting on 18 January involved partners from the acute, primary care, mental health, and ambulance trusts.

At the meeting on 25 January, the Committee received an update on the Transforming Community Services programme from NHS Stockton-on-Tees, and an update on the development of the new Roseberry Park hospital development from Tees, Esk and Wear Valleys NHS Foundation Trust.

The Committee are due to receive an update in relation to phlebotomy services in Ingleby Barwick and Thornaby on 8 March. The Committee is also due to receive an update on the operation of the NHS Walk In Centre at Tithebarn, and the Primary Care Strategy, from NHS Stockton-on-Tees (the PCT).

In addition the Committee have requested an update on the dispensing of medicines in care homes. This has not yet been scheduled.

The Committee is being updated with developments in relation to regional scrutiny work. The project to develop regional protocols and conduct a 'light touch' review of NHS North East's response to alcohol issues has commenced. The majority of the work on the separate project on the health needs of veterans will commence following this. The Committee's involvement with this work will need to be considered in due course.