

**Health Select Committee**  
**Update to Executive Scrutiny Committee**  
**30 March 2010**

**EIT Programme - Fair Access to Care Services (FACS)**

**Update on Progress (including issues/ problems/ successes)**

At the meeting of 8 March, the Committee considered the FACS consultation plan. It has been agreed that the consultation will take place following the general election. The consultation results will be considered ahead of reporting to Cabinet with the Committee's final report.

**Timescales**

The project plan is being reviewed following discussion in relation to the consultation process.

**Monitoring**

Members received quarterly updates on the review of Alcohol Services, and Dentistry at the meeting of 8 March.

**Other Work**

The Committee received an update in relation to phlebotomy services in Ingleby Barwick and Thornaby on 8 March. The Committee received 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). The Committee also received an update on the dispensing of medicines in care homes.

The Committee has been invited to a site visit of the new Roseberry Park hospital on 19 April.

At the Committee meeting of 19 April, the Committee are scheduled to consider the Quality Account that is being produced by North Tees and Hartlepool NHS Foundation Trust. It is hoped to involve the LINK in this process.

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. A meeting has been agreed for 31 March to consider the alcohol light touch review.

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 be considered in due course.