

Health Select Committee

Update to Executive Scrutiny Committee

16 November 2010

EIT Programme - Fair Access to Care Services (FACS)

Update on Progress (including issues/ problems/ successes)

The Committee met on 18 October in order to draft its recommendations. The final report of the review was discussed at the meeting of 8 November and the report is on the agenda for this meeting of Executive Scrutiny Committee.

Timescales

The review is on track to report to Cabinet on 25 November.

Monitoring

The Committee received quarterly progress reports on the reviews of NHS Dentistry, Alcohol and Audiology at the meeting on 18 October.

Other Work

At the meeting of 8 November, the Committee received a presentation on the priorities for next year's Quality Account from the Director of Nursing at North Tees and Hartlepool NHS Foundation Trust.

Regional review of the health needs of the ex-service community

Following the successful overview day that took place on 28 June, four members of the Health Select Committee are taking part in the Socio-Economic Wellbeing Workstream. A session of the group was held on 11 August with a session examining the transition process between the armed forces and civilian life, and involved face to face discussion with members of the ex-service community. A session was held on 17 September to discuss housing issues as they affect veterans living in the region. The session of 27 October was held at the Education Centre in Norton and examined skills and employment. A wide range of interested organisations were represented.

The workstream will now meet in order to form conclusions before including these in the final report of the project as a whole.