

## **Health Select Committee**

### **Update to Executive Scrutiny Committee**

**2 August 2011**

#### **EIT Programme - Review of Mental Health and Learning Disability Services**

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

The Committee considered the Learning Disability baseline report for the review at the meeting of 11 July. (This is available via the link below).

Members discussed integration in the local community, the importance of safeguarding, potential uses for assistive technology, the importance of finding employment for clients, and the impact of the changes to the eligibility criteria.

The next stage of the review will consider how services could be commissioned and provided in the future, and will involve site visits to existing provision. Members are also due to consider a detailed consultation plan.

##### **Timescales**

The review is due to report to Cabinet in March 2012. The review will initially concentrate on Learning Disability Services, and will begin to consider Mental Health services in the autumn.

##### **Other Work**

At the meeting of 11 July the Committee received a briefing on the temporary closure of Lustrum Vale older people's mental health unit, from Tees, Esk and Wear Valleys NHS Foundation Trust. The unit has been temporarily closed due to low occupancy, and staff have been transferred into other roles, including working in the community.

The issue will be reviewed in October and the Trust will decide whether to go out to formal consultation in relation to options on the permanent future of the unit. The Trust would be under a duty to consult with the Committee during such a consultation.

The briefing papers that were considered by the Committee are available on request or can be found at:

<http://www.egenda.stockton.gov.uk/aksstockton/users/public/admin/kab14.pl?operation=SUBMIT&meet=36&cmte=HEA&grpId=public&arc=71>