

Health Select Committee

Update to Executive Scrutiny Committee

4 October 2011

EIT Programme - Review of Mental Health and Learning Disability Services

Update on Progress (including issues/ problems/ successes)

At the meeting of 5 September Members received a presentation from learning disability service users and the advocacy group Stockton Helps All, in order to gather views on current services. The Committee also received a presentation from Durham County Council in relation to how they had improved their commissioning process. Members discussed the development of housing provision, and possible uses of provider frameworks in the commissioning process.

Members considered an update on the desk top review process of current client packages, an update on commissioning arrangements within Stockton-on-Tees, and the consultation plan for the phase 1 consultation. Phase 1 has been undertaken during August and September and is aimed at understanding service user and carer views on their current services.

Members are due to undertake a site visit to a variety of local service provision on 28 September.

Timescales

The review is currently concentrating on learning disability services and that element is due to report to Cabinet in July 2012. This has been extended due to the need for a further round of consultation in early 2012 in order to gain views on proposed options, prior to a final decision.

Other Work

The Committee awaits the decision of Tees, Esk and Wear Valleys NHS Foundation Trust in relation to whether it will go out to consultation on the future of Lustrum Vale Older People Mental Health Unit. This is expected during October.

The Tees Valley Joint Health Scrutiny Committee held its first meeting for 2011-12 on 12 September. The Committee will consider sub-regional flu preparations in October.

The Regional Health Scrutiny Committee met on 20 September. The Committee considered: the consultation results on the national review of children's heart surgery and decided to submit further comments to the review process; an update on the regional roll-out of the NHS 111 urgent care telephone service; and the initial progress report on the implementation of the regional review of the health needs of ex-service personnel.