

## **Health Select Committee**

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

**25 October 2011**

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

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

Phase 1 has been undertaken during August and September and is aimed at understanding service user and carer views on their current services. The detailed results of this work were considered at the meeting of 17 October, together with information on value for money and benchmarking, a draft approach to improve working practices (eg. in relation to assessment and commissioning), an update of the desk top review of current clients process, and a paper summarising the options for further development prior to consultation.

In addition Members received a presentation on Community Bridge Building. This approach aims to ensure that clients are able to access employment and social activities in the community that are open to all.

##### **Timescales**

The review is currently concentrating on learning disability services and that element is due to report to Cabinet in July 2012. A further round of consultation will take place in early 2012 in order to gain views on proposed options, prior to a final decision.

##### **Other Work**

At the 17 October meeting the Committee were consulted on the emerging improvement priorities for inclusion in North Tees and Hartlepool NHS Foundation Trust's 2012-13 Quality Account.

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 considered sub-regional winter preparations on 10 October, together with the proposed changes to consultant-led Orthodontic services across Tees Valley and Durham. The proposed changes to Orthodontic care will be considered further at the meeting of 21 November.