

Health Select Committee

Update to Executive Scrutiny Committee

20 December 2011

EIT Programme - Review of Mental Health and Learning Disability Services

Update on Progress (including issues/ problems/ successes)

At the meeting of 28 November, the Committee received an update on the detailed work that will be presented at the meeting of 9 January. The work covers the focus on securing better value for money for residential placements, and the development of options for future service delivery including respite, day time activities and autism.

The review is also considering improvements to commissioning, and will seek to improve the identification of future needs, for example housing provision.

Timescales

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

Other Work

At the meeting of 28 November, the Committee received an update on the setting up of the North Tees Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG), and its consultation that was held to inform the drafting of its Clear and Credible Plan which will set out the early commissioning intentions of the CCG. An update will return to the Committee once the Plan has been drafted.

The Committee also considered an update on the Local HealthWatch consultation, and resolved to consider the issue in more detail at the meeting in January.

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.

The Tees Valley Joint Health Scrutiny Committee met on 19 December and discussed the sub-regional winter preparations. The Regional Committee is now due to meet in January in order to consider North East Ambulance Service changes, and the separate regional review of eligibility criteria for the Patient Transport Service.