

Adult Services and Health Select Committee

Update to Executive Scrutiny Committee

8 May 2012

EIT Programme - Review of Mental Health and Learning Disability Services

Update on Progress (including issues/ problems/ successes)

At the meeting of 23 April, Members agreed the Committee's interim report to Cabinet together with an approach to consultation. The interim report outlines the progress on the review to date and the proposals for changes to services which need Cabinet approval prior to consultation. Cabinet will consider the report on 17 May, prior to a 12 week public consultation. The review aims to secure value for money for in-house and commissioned services, develop options for future service delivery, and further improve commissioning arrangements.

At the meeting, Members wished to give further consideration to the detail of the consultation approach and a meeting has been organised for 21 May in order to consider this further.

Timescales

The review is currently concentrating on the Council's learning disability services and the final report is due to be considered by Cabinet in October 2012, following consideration of the consultation results. The review of Mental Health adult social care services is due to start in May.

Other Work

The Committee has considered the consultation into the proposed permanent closure of the Lustrum Vale Older People Mental Health in-patient unit, and related investment in community services. The Committee's consultation response is due to be considered for endorsement by Council at the meeting of 2 May.

The Committee has agreed a joint statement on North Tees and H'pool NHS Foundation Trust's draft Quality Account with Stockton LINK and this has been submitted for inclusion in the final version.

At the meeting of 23 April, the Committee was updated on the progress of the Hartlepool and Stockton-on-Tees Clinical Commissioning Group, and considered its initial commissioning intentions.

Sub-regional and Regional Committees

The Tees Valley Joint Health Scrutiny Committee met on 23 April to be briefed on the outcome of the winter period and impact on NHS services, and future planning arrangements in this regard. The Committee also considered a paper from Stockton BC, Redcar and Cleveland BC, and NHS Tees in relation to proposals to consult with parents on the cessation of term time, funded transport to Baysdale Short Break Unit for children and young people with mental health and learning disability needs.

The NE Regional Committee met on 16 April in order to consider the latest progress update on the regional review of the health needs of ex-service personnel, the North East Ambulance Service's Quality Account (NEAS), and an update on the consultation in relation to NEAS's proposed changes to its A and E/urgent care provision.