Adult Services and Health Select Committee

Update to Executive Scrutiny Committee

31 July 2012

EIT Programme - Review of Mental Health and Learning Disability Services

Update on Progress (including issues/ problems/ successes)

The consultation on the proposals in relation to changes to Learning Disability Services has started on 11 June and will run until 31 August. Following consideration of the results the Committee is due to report to Cabinet with its final recommendations in November.

The review of Mental Health social care services started on 9 July with consideration of the baseline report. This element of the review is currently scheduled to report to Cabinet in January 2013.

Other Work

The Committee's Overview meeting to assess performance in relation to adult services and public health took place on 18 June.

On 9 July, NHS Tees and Tees, Esk and Wear Valleys NHS Foundation Trust attended to outline the results of the consultation on future use of Lustrum Vale Older People's Mental Health Unit. The decision had been taken by the TEWV Board to go forward with the move, and members were updated on proposals to re-use the Lustrum Vale Unit as an Adult Rehabilitation Unit. Members also took the opportunity to question TEWV on the quality of its services following a critical CQC report on some services at Roseberry Park (Middlesbrough), and were re-assured with the steps taken.

On 3 September, the Committee will consider an update on the commissioning of a Local HealthWatch service for Stockton, to replace the LINk.

The Government is consulting on the proposals to amend the health scrutiny regulations following recent changes to the health service, and in light of experience over previous ten years. This consultation ends on 7 September and Members will be requested to consider a response at the meeting on the 3rd.

Sub-regional and Regional Committees

The Tees Valley Joint Health Scrutiny Committee has been chaired by Middlesbrough Council during 2011-12, and the role has now passed to Darlington Council for 2012-13. The first meeting of 2012-13 took place on 2 July and a full schedule of meetings and work programme was agreed at the meeting. Overall this year, the Committee will concentrate on the NHS and public health transition as its affects the Tees Valley.