

Adult Services and Health Select Committee

Update to Executive Scrutiny Committee

25 September 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 ran until 31 August. Following consideration of the results on 26 September, 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. Phase 1 consultation to ascertain views on current services will take place during October and Members are involved in shaping the consultation approach.

Other Work

The PCT has published plans to re-develop Billingham Health Centre and the Committee were briefed on the proposals by the PCT and the project partner at the meeting of 3 September.

The Committee also considered 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 ended on 7 September and Members considered and supported the Council's response at the meeting of 3 September.

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 it affects the Tees Valley.

The meeting of 10 September reviewed the issues of the acute services Quality Legacy Project being undertaken by the local NHS to draw up a list of quality standards for use by the new Clinical Commissioning Groups when authorised, and the Committee reviewed the issue of Prosthetic services following the referral from Stockton Council. Members considered an in-depth briefing and were satisfied with the service provided.

The Committee also considered the consultation results and decision in relation to Stockton and Redcar Councils decision to cease funding for transport to school for young people when attending the Baysdale Short Breaks (CAMHS and Learning Disability Services) unit in Middlesbrough.