

Adult Services and Health Select Committee

Update to Executive Scrutiny Committee

23 October 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. The Committee considered the results at the meeting on 26 September, and in view of the generally positive response of the consultation, the Committee confirmed that it was content with the direction of travel of the proposals. The Committee will consider its final recommendations and report before the review is submitted to Cabinet for approval in January 2013.

The review of Mental Health social care services started on 9 July with consideration of the baseline report. Phase 1 consultation to ascertain views on current services is due to start during October and Members have been involved in shaping the consultation approach at the meeting of 26 September.

Other Work

On 15 October, the Committee considered North Tees and Hartlepool NHS Foundation Trust's progress on its 2012-13 Quality Account, and the consultation on what priorities for improvement should be included in the 2013-14 version.

Sub-regional and Regional Committees

The Tees Valley Joint Health Scrutiny Committee is chaired by Darlington Council during 2012-13. Overall this year, the Committee will concentrate on the NHS and public health transition as it affects the Tees Valley.

On 8 October the Committee considered the potential impact of any changes to maternity and paediatric services provided at the Friarage in Northallerton on the Tees Valley NHS (mainly relating to James Cook and Darlington Memorial Hospitals), and were briefed on the setting up and future role of the North East Commissioning Support Service. This will offer and provide support services (eg. service design, procurement, finance, engagement and consultation) to the North East's Clinical Commissioning Groups from April 2013.