

Adult Services and Health Select Committee

Update to Executive Scrutiny Committee

18 December 2012

EIT Programme - Reviews 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 considered its final recommendations and report at the meeting of 10 December. The review is due to be submitted to Cabinet for approval in January 2013.

To inform the review of Mental Health social care services phase 1 consultation to ascertain views on current services has taken place and Members considered the results at the meeting of 10 December. Members are due to consider potential principles of future service delivery at the meeting of 14 January before submitting an interim report to Cabinet in February, prior to further public consultation.

Other Work

On 26 November, the Committee received a briefing from the Hartlepool and Stockton NHS Clinical Commissioning Group, including progress on its governance arrangements, and early priorities for when it takes over full responsibility for the commissioning of local NHS services from April 2013.

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 5 November the Committee considered progress across the Tees Valley area in relation to the transition of public health responsibilities to local authorities. On 3 December the Committee considered NHS111, winter preparedness, and Transforming Community Services.

The Regional Committee met on 20 November to elect a new chair (Cllr Green of Gateshead), and consider the following: the latest monitoring report on the regional review of the health needs of the ex-service community, the outcomes of the North East Ambulance Service A and E service review, and its Quality Account, and the referrals made by other scrutiny committees to the Secretary of State following the decision of the national review of children's heart surgery. The Regional Committee resolved to submit additional comments to the Independent Reconfiguration Panel in support of the original decision.