Adult Services and Health Select Committee

Update to Executive Scrutiny Committee

26 February 2013

EIT Programme - Reviews of Mental Health and Learning Disability Services

Update on Progress (including issues/ problems/ successes)

The Committee considered its final recommendations and report for the review of Learning Disabilities at the meeting of 10 December. The final report was 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 then considered further information on the development of service change proposals and agreed the proposals for future service delivery at the meeting of 14 January before submitting an interim report to Cabinet on 7 February. This report was to seek Cabinet's approval in principle for the changes, in order to begin a period of further public consultation.

Other Work

On 14 January, the Committee received a briefing from North Tees and Hartlepool NHS Foundation Trust and the Hartlepool and Stockton NHS Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG), on the latest proposals for service changes, as well as the overall development of the Momentum project, including the new hospital development and associated community facilities.

The meeting on 26 February will consider an update on the transition to HealthWatch, and North Tees and Hartlepool Foundation Trust's draft Quality Account.

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 its affects the Tees Valley.

On 7 January the Committee considered the development of the three local CCG's for Darlington, Stockton and Hartlepool, and South Tees. Members were also briefed on progress to re-configure rehabilitation beds across the area by Tees, Esk and Wear Valleys NHS Foundation Trust (including the use of Lustrum Vale in Stockton as previously reported), older people's mental health care, and its proposed delivery of Psychological (Talking) Therapies under the new Any Qualified Provider arrangements. TEWV is one of 5 providers of this service locally.

On 4 February, Members considered the proposals to improve Ambulance Service Patient Transport services in the sub-region, and were briefed on the development of the NHS Commissioning Board Area Team for Durham Dales, Tees and Darlington, by its new Director, Cameron Ward.