

Adult Services and Health Select Committee

Update to Executive Scrutiny Committee

26 March 2013

EIT Programme - Reviews of Mental Health Adult Services

Update on Progress (including issues/ problems/ successes)

The proposals for changes to Mental Health Services have been approved in principle by Cabinet, and the Committee met on 6 March in order to consider the draft consultation plan and a draft consultation document.

Public consultation is taking place between 18 March and 7 June, and the results will be reported to the Committee in order to inform its final decision making. A final report is due to be considered by Cabinet in September.

Other Work

The meeting on 26 February consider an update on the transition to HealthWatch, and North Tees and Hartlepool Foundation Trust's draft Quality Account. The Committee joined with the LINK in order to produce a statement of assurance to be included in the final published version of the Account. The Trust's priorities for improvement for 2013-14 were supported, and issues covered included quality indicators, communication, C. Difficile infection control, dementia, support for vulnerable patients, and the initial response to the Francis Report.

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 11 March, Members considered the response to its survey of local authorities in relation to staff flu vaccination rates, and also discussed the imminent establishment of Health and Wellbeing Boards in the area and compared the different approaches being taken, including in relation to wider engagement of partners including providers, accountability, and joint commissioning and budgets.