

Adult Services and Health Select Committee

Update to Executive Scrutiny Committee

5 July 2013

EIT Programme - Reviews of Mental Health Adult Services

Update on Progress (including issues/ problems/ successes)

Public consultation has taken place between 18 March and 7 June, and the results will be reported to the Committee in order to inform its final decision making on 9 July. A final report is due to be considered by Cabinet in 4 September.

Review of Access to GP, Urgent and Emergency Care

At the meeting of 10 June the Committee agreed its scope for this review. The review will examine the range of methods of accessing local GP services and the performance of local practices. The review will consider the close links between GP access and pressures on the local urgent and emergency care services, and related initiatives such as NHS111 and the introduction of the GP Walk-in Centre.

Other Work

At the meeting of 10 June the Committee received the overview presentation for Adult Services and Public Health. This included achievements such as development of the Quality Standards Framework for Care Homes, and challenges such as the implementation of the various EIT reviews. Emerging issues include the need to respond to the new Care Bill.

At the same meeting the Committee considered and accepted the action plan for the EIT Review of Learning Disability services.

Critical Care and Emergency Medicine Review

Hartlepool and Stockton Clinical Commissioning Group have published proposals for changes to these services at North Tees and Hartlepool hospitals. The public consultation began on Monday 20 May and health scrutiny is a statutory consultee. As required by the regulations, a joint committee made up of the local authorities affected (Durham, Hartlepool, and Stockton) is being formed to provide a response.

Sub-regional and Regional Committees

The Tees Valley Joint Health Scrutiny Committee is chaired by Stockton Council during 2013-14.

The Committee met on 17 June in order to agree the approach to its work programme, and receive a briefing on the Critical Care review outlined above.