

Adult Services and Health Select Committee

Update to Executive Scrutiny Committee

30 July 2013

EIT Programme - Reviews of Mental Health Adult Services

Update on Progress (including issues/ problems/ successes)

The final report was considered at Committee at the meeting of 22 July. It 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

The revised approach to monitoring quality of local health and care services has now been endorsed and is being implemented. On 22 July the Committee considered the annual report on adult safeguarding activity.

At the meeting of 9 July, the Committee discussed further information from the NE Ambulance Service in respect of its Quality Account in relation to handover delays, response times, and complaints. This information will also be fed in to the Committee's new review as outlined above.

Critical Care and Emergency Medicine Review

Hartlepool and Stockton Clinical Commissioning Group has 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) was formed to provide a response. Stockton's element was considered by Council on 17 July. The consultation ends on 11 August.