

Adult Services and Health Select Committee

Update to Executive Scrutiny Committee

24 September 2013

EIT Programme - Reviews of Mental Health Adult Services

The final report was considered by Cabinet in 4 September and the Committee's recommendations were accepted.

Review of Access to GP, Urgent and Emergency Care

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. Members agreed the Key Lines of Enquiry for the Review, and to undertake a Members Survey.

Other Work / Quality of Care

On 3 September the Committee considered the draft Local Account (this describes SBC's Adult Care services and future developments), year-end adult care performance, and a briefing on the Quality Standards Framework. This is SBC's grading system for local care homes.

Critical Care and Emergency Medicine Consultation

Hartlepool and Stockton-on-Tees, and Durham Dales, Easington and Sedgfield (DDES) Clinical Commissioning Groups have agreed to proceed with the proposal to centralise these services at North Tees Hospital. The Health Joint Committee met to discuss the decision and the consultation results on 3 September. All parties to the consultation have agreed to undertake oversight of the changes, particularly with regard to transport, and these arrangements are being confirmed.

Sub-regional and Regional Committees

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

The Committee met on 29 July and discussed proposals to transform community services across the South Tees area. The meeting of 16 September considered the Securing Quality in Health Services project which is developing a range of quality standards that providers in the Durham and Tees Valley area must achieve. The Committee also considered position statements setting out the level of provision for alcohol treatment and prevention across the sub-region in order to inform its work programme.