

## **Adult Services and Health Select Committee**

### **Update to Executive Scrutiny Committee**

**22 October 2013**

#### **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.

NHS England's Area Team (commissioners of GP services), and Hartlepool and Stockton-on-Tees CCG (commissioners of urgent care) were in attendance at the meeting of 15 October. This provided an in-depth overview of key issues and performance across Stockton, including at GP Practice level, to inform the review.

**Members are also encouraged to complete a survey that has been circulated in order to test perceptions about access to GP care in particular across the Borough.** The closing date for the survey is Monday 4 November.

#### **Other Work / Quality of Care**

The Committee recently considered the Quality Standards Framework. This is SBC's grading system for local care homes, and Members recommended that the grading description be reviewed as the current Gold, Silver and Bronze, was not user friendly. On 1 October, the Committee were consulted on the development of this year's Quality Account at North Tees and Hartlepool Trust.

#### **Critical Care and Emergency Medicine Reconfiguration at North Tees and Hartlepool NHS Foundation Trust**

Implementation is taking place in early October. A joint Oversight Group has been set up to monitor the progress of these changes over the next 3-4 months, and includes representation from Healthwatch and the local health scrutiny committees. The Group will be reporting into the Select Committee in 3-4 months' time.

#### **Sub-regional and Regional Committees**

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

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.

On 28 October, the Committee will be considering the consultation to change children's and maternity services at the Friarage Hospital in Northallerton, and the impact on hospitals in the Tees Valley.