

Adult Services and Health Select Committee

Update to Executive Scrutiny Committee

14 May 2014

Review of Access to GP, Urgent and Emergency Care

The Committee considered information from the out of hours GP care provider on 25 March, and an update on the causes of delayed discharges and draft recommendations on 15 April. The Committee considered its final report on April 29.

The Committee's next scheduled review is to be the review of the quality of home care.

Other Work / Quality of Care

On 4 March the Committee considered North Tees and Hartlepool NHS Foundation Trust's draft Quality Account (this summarises performance for both hospital and community-based care, and identifies priorities for improvements in quality for the forthcoming year), and an update on the implementation of the reconfiguration of critical care and emergency medicine at North Tees Trust, including the transport arrangements.

The meeting of 25 March saw the Committee examine the effectiveness of Drug Treatment Programmes in the Borough and their role within the Public Health service.

On 15 April the Committee reviewed the proposals for the closure of Elm Tree Surgery's Branch Surgery at Endurance House, Clarence Street. The Committee supported the proposal and will report to the Area Team which will make the final decision.

The annual overview committee meeting is scheduled for 22 July.

Sub-regional and Regional Committees

The Tees Valley Joint Health Scrutiny Committee was chaired by Stockton Council during 2013-14, and will be chaired by Hartlepool BC during 2014-15. The meeting on 3 March considered the Quality Account for Tees, Esk and Wear Valleys NHS Foundation Trust (TEWV). The draft account has now been received and the Committee will be submitting a statement of assurance for the final published version.

The Regional Health Committee met on 17 April and is currently chaired by South Tyneside Council. The Committee considered the priorities and performance of the North East Ambulance Service as part of its Quality Account, an update on the ambulance service's reconfiguration of its resources, and a briefing from the two mental health Trusts covering the region - TEWV and Northumberland, Tyne and Wear Foundation Trust (NTW) - on the future vision for adult mental health services.